

'Decision' Editorial

# '22 Ways To Destroy A Country'

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Tax the churches and "force thousands of them out of existence" is but one of 22 ways "to destroy a country" according to Decision magazine, publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The February issue of the magazine, which has a circulation of 3½ million, also listed in an editorial the other methods to "destroy" a country:

—"Affirm man's animal origin, nature and functions to the exclusion of everything else, and ridicule all references to his spiritual qualities."

—"Inculcate general disrespect for any kind of authority by urging people to obey their own impulses in the name of freedom."

—"Hamper the enforcement of the criminal code with decisions that slow down the judicial process and make it difficult to arrest, convict and sentence a culprit for an offense against society."

—"Create general distrust of law enforcement officers, whether local police, sheriff's deputies, state troopers or federal agents."

—"Import vast supplies of hallucinogenic drugs and make them readily available to the youth of the land; then provide them with plenty of money with which to buy them."

—"Take military training out of the liberal arts colleges, thereby establishing a gulf between the soldiery and the citizenry that will make them try to cancel each other."

—"Divide the country into ethnic groups and then incite insurrections by each group with the intent to launch a general civil war."

—"Loosen all restraint on the entertainment media so that sexual license may be presented to the public in its rawest form."

—"Use the mass media to make all normal marriages appear dull and unconventional, and all forms of adultery and perversion to appear (Continued on page 2)

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## Baptist Hospital Announces \$2,000,000 Fund Campaign

Baxter Wilson, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Mississippi Power & Light Company, will head the \$2,000,000 fund drive for a new Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

"This is a project to capture the interest and imagination of everyone interested in better medical care for a growing community and state," Wilson said. "Mississippi is blessed with fine hospitals, located in communities throughout the state. The construction of the new Baptist Hospital will be another modern addition to the growing medical facilities in

Jackson which will help assure Mississippi people that they need no longer travel outside Mississippi for the finest in medical services."

The estimated cost of the proposed 600-bed hospital is \$25,000,000.

"We are already organizing the team," Wilson continued, "and we will conduct the fund drive over a three-month period beginning April 1st."

"We are happy to have a man of Baxter Wilson's stature as chairman of our fund drive," stated T. Harvey Hedgepath, president of the hospital's board of trustees.

"We look forward to one of the most exciting chapters in the hospital's long history," said Paul J. Pryor, administrator of the hospital.

The present 400-bed hospital on the northwest corner of the State and Manship street already is the largest private general hospital in the state.

The new hospital will be build same intersection on a six-acre site, facing south on Manship.

The existing hospital will ultimately be made into an extended-care unit. A 100 bed self-care unit is under construction just across the street.

"The hospital admits patients from virtually every county in the state," said Wilson, "so we feel that our development program is of statewide interest."

"The hospital is actually a major industry for this region," he continued. "Its salaries and purchases represent an annual outlay of over \$7,000,000."

### Hospital an Asset

"The hospital has been an asset to the region for 60 years. It has carried out a Christian ministry of healing, and its charity work has been outstanding."

"Its emergency room is highly regarded. Its new coronary-care unit has received favorable attention nationwide."

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## Lyle Named Metro N. Y. Missions Leader

NEW YORK (BP) — Kenneth R. Lyle, former pastor of New York City's Central Nassau Baptist Church, has assumed the position of superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in metropolitan New York Baptist Association.

Lyle will direct and coordinate (Continued on page 2)

## Two Series Of WMU Meets Planned For Feb. 21-May 9

Two series of simultaneous Baptist district W.M.W. meetings will be held in the state Feb. 21-May 9, according to Dr. Edwin Robinson, state Baptist W.M.U. executive secretary.

One will be a series of Young Women's meetings while the other will be a series of Youth meetings.

All of the meetings, to be held on Saturday, will be for the purpose of interpreting new plans for Baptist Young Women, both married and single. (ages 18-29) and Acteens, (ages 12-17).

Those urged to attend the meeting most convenient are members and leaders in their respective age groups. All those attending either meeting are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Time for all meetings will be 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided at the meetings for Young Women.

The Youth meetings will feature missions, singing, action, fellowship and food.

Program personnel for the Young Women's meetings will be Dr. Robinson and Miss Frances Shaw, director, Baptist Young Women.

The schedule of Young Women's meetings follows:

Feb. 21 — Prentiss Baptist Church; Feb. 28 — Liberty; March 7 — Ridgecrest, Jackson; March 21 — First, Lucedale; March 28 — West, Laurel; April 4 — Poplar Springs, Meridian; April 11 — First, Macon; April 18 — Parkway, Tupelo; April 25 — First, Southaven; May 2 — Duck Hill; May 9 — First, Leland.

Program personnel for the Youth meetings will be Miss Kaye Johnson, director, Acteens and Miss Marjean Patterson, director, Baptist Women.

The schedule of Youth meetings follows:

Feb. 21 — First Baptist Church, Poplarville; Feb. 28 — Highland, Laurel; March 7 — First, Philadelphia; March 21 — First, Houston; March 28 — Broadmoor, Jackson; April 4 — First, McComb; April 11 — Prentiss; April 18 — Emmanuel, Grenada; April 25 — First, Drew; May 2 — Parkway, Tupelo; May 9 — Senatobia. (For additional information watch for the display advertisement in next week's Baptist Record.)

## Criswell, Daughter Are Off To Africa

RICHMOND (BP) — W. A. Criswell of Dallas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his daughter, Mrs. Anne C. Jackson, left, Jan. 27 for a month's tour in Central and Eastern Africa.

Traveling at the invitation of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, headquartered here, they will visit missionaries and African Baptists in seven countries. Criswell will speak and Mrs. Jackson will sing in various settings to introduce the Baptist evangelistic campaigns scheduled for this fall.

Criswell will speak three times on some days. At the Baptist Radio and TV studio in Lusaka, Zambia, his message will be video taped for broadcast later.

A requested audience with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia awaits confirmation. Alternatively, Criswell and Mrs. Jackson may meet with the emperor's daughter.

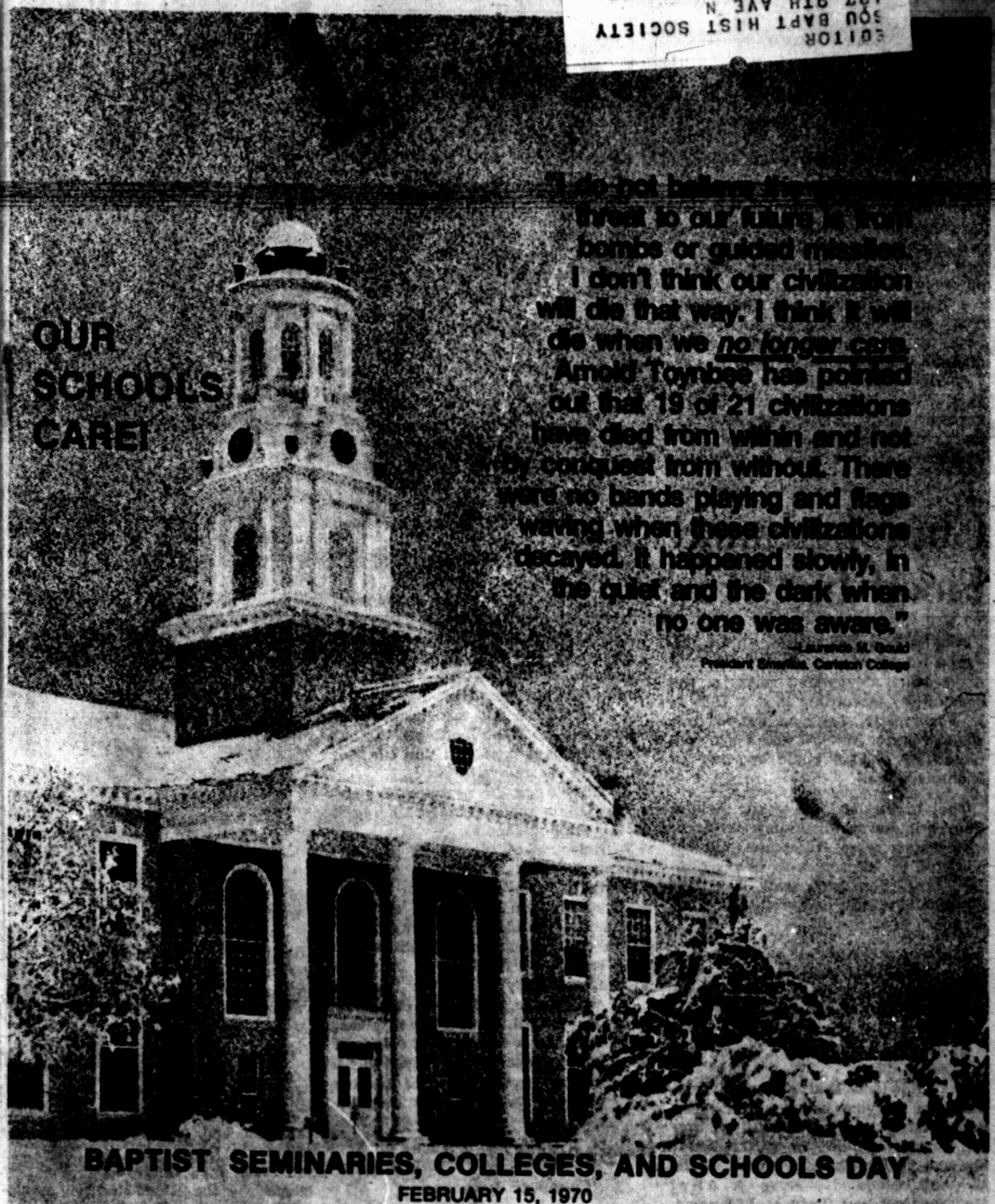
Mrs. Jackson, an accomplished soloist, will perform as often as three times a day. In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (Continued on page 2)



Convention Education Study Committee Meets

THE EDUCATION STUDY committee authorized by the State Convention in November held its first meeting recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson. From left, seated: Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, convention president; Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, chairman; Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville. Standing: Dr. Joe Tuten,

Jackson; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; Rev. Harry Denham, Newton; Dr. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, and Alex McKeigney, Jackson. The committee's assignment is to "redefine the over-all educational purpose of the convention" and to report to the 1970 session.



The seventeenth annual observance of Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day is scheduled in many churches on February 15. The theme for 1970 is "Christ and My Future."

The Education Commission sponsors the annual emphasis and prepares materials for the churches to use

in a variety of programs. A special brochure is available on this year's theme, as well as program suggestions and related tracts. For assistance, write the Education Commission, 400 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee, 37219.

## Bill Glass Will Speak At MC

Bill Glass, former defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, will be on the Mississippi College campus Friday, Feb. 6, for a special day of religious emphasis.

Glass, fast becoming recognized as one of the country's top young evangelists, will be speaking in the regular Friday morning chapel program at 9:50 a.m.

His address will be followed by a question and answer period at 11 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium and then at 1 p.m. he will meet members of the Choctaw football team for an informal session and give a demonstration on some gridiron techniques.

The 6-6, 260 pound Glass was an All-American middle guard at Baylor University in 1956. He spent his first year in pro football with Saskatchewan of the Canadian League despite being the first round draft choice of the Detroit Lions of the National Football League.

The following year he did sign with the Lions, spending four years with that team. In 1962, he was traded to (Continued on page 2)

## Church Tax Debates Will Highlight Conferences

A church tax debate will be the highlight of a series of conferences to be promoted by the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Feb. 9-13, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, executive director.

"Church and State" is one of the seven concerns assigned to the Commission by the Convention, Dr. Hensley said.

In announcing the conferences, the executive director stated that "Since the church tax issue has been raised in a number of places across the nation and has been brought into focus especially by the Wals Case (New York) being taken to the Supreme Court, it is very important that we understand the history and the rationale of church and church-related tax exemptions."

"These debates will be academic and the debaters are not necessarily representing their personal views. The program is an attempt to clarify the issues involved."

The proposition to be debated is "Resolved That Church Property (Continued on page 2)

Used For Religious Purposes Should Be Taxed."

The places, dates and participants for each conference follow — the first name listed will debate in the affirmative, the second name, the negative:

Feb. 9, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville, Rev. Millard Bennett, pastor of Drew Baptist Church, Drew, and Rev. Roy Raddin, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Greenville; Feb. 10, Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor, Calvary, Tupelo, and Rev. James Fancher, pastor, First Baptist Church, Aberdeen; Feb. 12, First Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, Dr. Luther Dorr, pastor, First Baptist Church, Florence, and Rev. P. A. Michels, pastor, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Feb. 13, First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Dr. Graham Hales, Chaplain, Mississippi Southern, Hattiesburg, and Rev. John Dearing, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis.

Each meeting is scheduled from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The debate will be preceded by a presentation of a brief history of church taxation exemption status and will be followed by a summary discussion.

## Kansas Convention Announces Victory In Fund Campaign

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — The Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists has successfully completed a fund campaign to enlist pledges of \$500,000 and announced "victory" in an effort to provide funds to solve its \$1.6 million indebtedness.

"Perhaps this will be noted as our greatest hour," said Kansas Convention President W. E. Thorn of Wichita on learning of the successful completion of the campaign.

When the campaign closed on Jan. 26, a total of 147 congregations within the Kansas convention had pledged \$623,540, going over their goal of \$500,000 by \$123,540.

Convention officials said that two other major churches in the convention are expected to take action soon on their pledge commitment, and the amount of pledges may go over the \$700,000 mark by early February.

Meanwhile, in addition to the \$623,540 pledged by churches in Kansas and Nebraska, an effort to seek financial support from other Baptist state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention has resulted so far in written commitments from 10 con-

ventions pledging a total of \$442,500 over a five year period.

Earl O. Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention and chairman of a committee of executive secretaries from the state convention to enlist aid for the and the \$442,500 the Kansas Convention last November allotting \$1,500 per week from the state Cooperative Program contributions to go towards solving the convention's financial crisis.

If all of the amounts pledged is actually received during the next five years, the convention would go well over the \$1.6 million needed to solve the indebtedness of its church loan association.

Convention officials involved in the campaign said they realize, however, that as much as one-third more than the actual needed amount would be necessary in pledges, since unforeseen financial difficulties on the part of those making pledges might cause some to fail to actually give all they had hoped and planned to contribute. (Continued on page 2)



# 22 Ways To Destroy"

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interesting and exciting.

"Conduct a war in a far distant country in such a way that it will prove highly unpopular and a deep disunity throughout the land."

"Encourage subversives who advocate the violent overthrow of the government to sponsor disorderly protests, incite riots and damage public and private property with immunity."

"Soft - pedal all discussion of loyalty, responsibility, patriotism, duty and sacrifice in order that freedom of expression may be established."

"Convince minority elements in the population that justice can never be secured by them through due process of law, but only by armed revolution."

"Foster loopholes in the law that will permit economic combines and 'defense' manufacturers to pilfer large sums of money from the public purse."

"Develop an unbalanced economic system that will make the rich richer and the poor poorer."

"Split the older and younger generations by encouraging them to distrust each other and to condemn each other's institutions."

"Lull the intellectual leadership into believing that communism is no threat; that the tyranny evident in present-day Czechoslovakia, Tibet and other occupied lands is not an inherent part of the Marxist philosophy and could 'never happen here' under a Communist government."

"Pollute the air, the streams and lakes, and erode the land until the environment is so poisoned that life can no longer be enjoyed."

"Discourage the practice of prayer and Bible reading by forbidding it in the public schools."

"Indoctrinate the public into believing that Jesus Christ is a myth, Christianity a byword for an ancient superstition, and the church an institution that mankind has outgrown."

The editorial concluded with a passage from 2 Chronicles 7:14 on "how to heal a country."

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

## Lyle Named --

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mission efforts of the 56 Southern Baptist congregations and 7,000 members in that association.

He replaces Paul S. James who resigned last June to become executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New York.

Lyle was appointed in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of pioneer missions as pastor - director of Central Nassau Church, West Hill, New York. He is a graduate of the Atlanta Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga. He has been a pastor and knows the area well. He is creative and is open to new ideas.

Lyle has been the moderator of the New York Association and is the first president of the Baptist Convention of New York.

The Houston native is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He is a former associate pastor and youth director of Poyall Haven Baptist Church in Dallas and has been pastor of a church in Pace, Miss.

## Kansas Convention --

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The convention faced the fact that its church loan association was insolvent in November of 1968, when it was disclosed that indebtedness exceeded \$1.6 million after the association had long - term loans to churches backed by short - term bonds. With nearly 45 of 77 churches in arrears on their loan payments, the association used the proceeds of bond sales to make sinking fund payments on bonds that were gradually maturing.

The Kansas State Securities Commissioner, Michael Quinn, requested that a five - man management board take control of the operations of the association and convention last August in an effort to find solutions to the financial crisis.

The board of managers proposed and the convention approved in November of 1969, the fund campaign of \$800,000 within the states of Kansas and Nebraska, and proposed the \$1,500 weekly allocation from state Cooperative Program receipts to make sinking fund payments.

At the same time, the committee of executive secretaries for the 31 other Baptist state conventions in the SBC proposed to raise \$500,000 over five years to bring in the needed \$1.6 million to solve the problem.

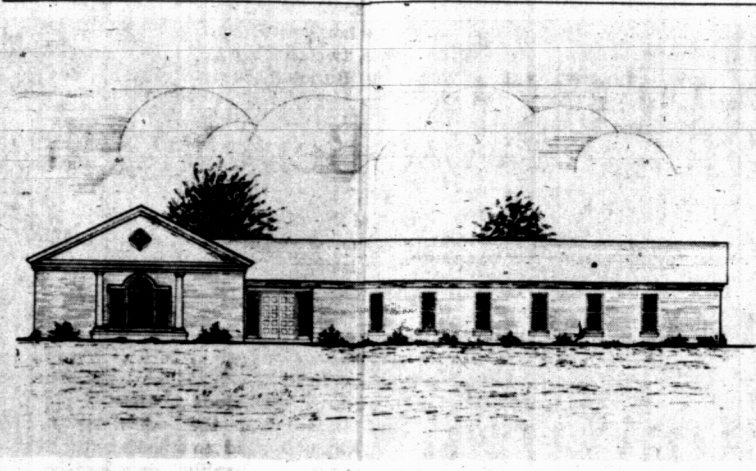
Nothing bugs the person in a crisis as much as to feel that someone is coming at him with a canned response. "Tell me all about it," "What did this make you feel like?" or "Would you like to talk about it?" - R. Loftin Hudson in "Persons in Crisis," Broadman Press.

The books which were finally accepted as canonical were those which had proved to have spiritual value in the life of the church over a period of several centuries. - Volume 8 of "The Broadman Bible Commentary."



## Tallahatchie Deacon-Pastor Banquet Held

AN ASSOCIATIONAL DEACON-PASTOR BANQUET for Tallahatchie County was held Jan. 29 at the First Baptist Church in Charleston with Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, as speaker. Three leaders present were, from left: Rev. Kelly Damper, host pastor; Rev. M. L. Greer, moderator; and Rev. G. E. Jolly, superintendent of missions.



## Clinton, Northside, Breaks Ground

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday, February 1, at 11:30 a. m. for the Clinton, Northside Church. The new building will be located at the east end of a five-acre site on Northside Drive just north of Clinton. The site, conveyed to the new church by the Hinds-Madison Association, is a part of the long-range missions program which the Association has carried on for a number of years.

The ceremonies marked a second milestone in the career of the new congregation. Following surveys of the rapidly developing new subdivision in and near Clinton conducted in the early spring by First Church, Clinton, and the Clinton, Morrison Heights Church and encouraged by the Missions Committee of the association, interested families from the two churches were joined by others from the Jackson, Midway Church for regularly scheduled services in May. Leadership and financial support were provided by these churches and in July Northside Church was formally constituted and in the fall took the first step for admission to the Hinds-Madison Association. The church now has 92 enrolled in Sunday school and 80 regular members.

The church has met since June in a 40 x 60 tent and in two 50-foot trailers which the congregation has purchased. Almost \$20,000 in gifts and offerings has been received during this time. The congregation is presently in the process of selling \$75,000 of its bonds in connection with the Church Savings and Loan Association of Jackson.

The new building for which ground was broken is the first unit of a complex planned for erection over the next ten or fifteen years. It will be L-shaped and will face Northside Drive. The 30 X 70 auditorium will comfortably accommodate about 160 worshippers and will be centrally heated and air-conditioned.

The education space is designed to accommodate the newest concepts in religious training and the classrooms will double as recreation spaces. Planning for the auditorium will allow ready conversion to education space when the time comes. It is estimated that with the furnishing the colonial style building will cost in excess of \$85,000. M. J. Landrum Sons of Clinton are in charge of building. Completion is anticipated by early summer.



## Church Gives Plane To Aid Rhodesians

RICHMOND (BP) - Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Ark., has given an airplane to the Foreign Mission Board to be used in medical and evangelistic work in Rhodesia.

H. Cornell Goerner, shown above, the board's secretary for Africa, received a check for \$29,000 as the final payment on the plane. The church, with a membership of about 1,700 had previously made a \$1,000 down payment.

Clifford L. Palmer, pastor of the church, spent a week in the Sanyati-Gokwe area of Rhodesia last September. Traveling overland with the missionaries to their various places of duty, he observed that a plane would facilitate their work.

Gokwe, an underdeveloped region with a population of 115,000 is across a river from Sanyati, location of a Baptist hospital. Lives have been saved in emergencies when a plane was on hand to fly patients from Gokwe to Sanyati, but the Baptist missionaries have formerly had use of a plane only three days every two weeks.

Goerner estimates that a day's trip over difficult roads and trails will be shortened to an hour by plane.

## BAPTIST VIEWpoll

# Baptist Leaders Evenly Divided Over Sex Education In Schools

By Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers are about evenly divided in their attitude toward sex education in schools, according to the latest Baptist VIEWpoll.

The survey, sent to a cross-section of Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers, asked this question: "Do you approve or disapprove of sex education in schools?"

"Approve" was the response of 47.6 per cent of the pastors and 48.0 per cent of the teachers. "Disapprove" was the verdict rendered by 44.7 per cent of the pastors and 44.8 per cent of the Sunday School teachers. The remaining 7.7 per cent of the pastors and 7.2 per cent of the Sunday School teachers had "no opinion."

Response to the item was examined in the light of panel members' self-rated political position, and those who considered themselves "quite conservative" tended to disapprove of sex education in schools. Those who rated themselves as "quite liberal" tended to approve of it.

Gallup Poll use of the same item three months earlier revealed that 71.0 per cent of the American people approved of sex education in schools. This represents an increase of two per cent over the 69 per cent of the public approving of sex education in schools in 1965.

Panel members were also asked: "Would you be willing to join a neighborhood group to protest the sale of objectionable literature on newsstands?"

The response was decisive. Of the pastors, 91.4 per cent answered in the affirmative, and 83.4 per cent of the Sunday School teachers answered in like manner.

Only 7.5 per cent of the pastors and 11.7 per cent of the Sunday School teachers indicated an unwillingness to become involved with such a group. "No opinion" was indicated by 1.1 per cent of the pastors and 4.9 per cent of the Sunday School teachers.

The VIEWpoll findings on this item differ significantly from the findings of the Gallup Poll. Gallup found that only 50 per cent of the American people would be willing to become involved in a group protesting the sale of objectionable literature on newsstands, and 39 per cent indicated they would not become involved with such a group. The known religious commitment of the VIEWpoll panel members likely accounts for this contrast. Data reported here merely concerns the generalized issue of sex education in schools.

As other research reveals, personal and group viewpoints show marked variation when factors such as nature of the education, age introduced and choice of curriculum materials are brought into the questioning.

The current VIEWpoll findings are based on 87 per cent response from panel members.

## Baptist Pastor, Son Die In Wreck

SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP) - A missing stop sign, apparently removed by pranksters, led to the death of the pastor of Pearson Baptist Church in Pottawatomie - Lincoln Baptist Association here and his 17 year - old son.

Killed in two - car crash in West Shawnee were Clifford L. Head, 38, and his son, Kenneth Mitchell.

Five other persons, four of them members of the Head family, were hospitalized in serious condition.

Highway patrolmen said removal of the stop sign, later found a half mile away, was "a direct or indirect cause of the tragedy."

The station wagon driven by Head collided with a car which should have stopped at the intersection, officers said. The other driver suffered head and internal injuries.

Mrs. Head suffered broken arms, legs and other injuries. Also hospitalized were the Head's children, Lisa, Danny and Terrie.

Head had been pastor of Pearson Baptist Church since August, and formerly was pastor of another mission in the association.

## New York Church Elects Two Women As New Deacons

NEW YORK (BP)—The Manhattan Baptist Church here has ordained two women as deacons, the first Southern Baptist congregation in the Baptist Convention of New York to do so.

The church elected and ordained as deacons Miss Ann Hurt, administrative assistant to the design department director at Simplicity Patterns, Inc.; Miss Carolyn Simmons, secretary to a senior vice president of Stauffer Chemical Co.; and Bob Smith, a New York musician and organist.

For the last four years, Manhattan Church has been without a pastor. Miss Hurt, one of the new deacons, is chairman of the "interim committee" which is responsible for filling the pulpit each Sunday, planning the worship services, and arranging for prayer meeting.

Gene Maston, chairman of the deacons who also pioneered in Baptist student work in New York while working on his doctorate at Columbia University, said that the church had discussed the possibility of electing deacons without regard to sex for several years.

About a year ago, the church adopted a recommendation from the deacons that a woman be eligible for election as deacons, he said.

"There was some hesitation on the part of a few about the election of women, but nothing very serious," Maston said. "I really don't think that anyone thinks very much about it now; they must accept it as a normal part of life, since there are so many women in the church who are already strong leaders and have for some time been key leaders."

Maston said as far as members of the church knew, Manhattan was the only Southern Baptist church in the Northeast to elect women deacons; though they knew of a number of such churches in the Southeast.

Both Miss Hurt and Miss Simmons are very active in the church, Maston said. Each had held Sunday School and/or Training Union leadership positions, sung in the choir, and served on church committees.

## '73 Youth Conference Site - U. S. Or India?

WASHINGTON - The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference is still looking for a meeting site in 1973.

As of now, the decision rests between the Kashmir area of northern India and four cities in the United States.

Gunnar Hoglund of Chicago, chairman of the youth department of the Baptist World Alliance, announced that members of the department's administrative committee have asked for further information on four American cities - Estes Park (Colorado), Kansas City, Miami Beach, and San Francisco.

But an invitation from Srinagar, capital of the state of Kashmir, on India's Tibetan frontier, also is being viewed with interest.

Representatives from Taiwan, Japan, India, Great Britain, and the United States were present for the November meeting of the committee. They observed that none of the previous seven youth conferences have been held in the United States or in Asia. Four were held in Europe, and one each in Brazil, Canada, and Lebanon.

Final decision as to the site will be by the full committee, probably at the meeting of the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in July.

## Church Attendance Slumps In U. S.

PRINCETON, N. J. - (ABNS) - Forty-two percent of the U. S. adults in 1969 attended church in a typical week, 7 per cent less than in 1958, the Gallup Poll reported here.

Attendance at worship steadily declined over the 11-year period, the survey organization said. The 1969 percentage was down a point from 1968. A high of 49 per cent came in 1955 and 1958.

Gallup reported that the fall-off was twice as great among Roman Catholics as among Protestants. The Catholic decline was from 74 per cent adult attendance in 1958 to 63 per cent in 1969.

The Protestant drop was from 49 per cent in 1958 to 37 per cent in 1969. The Gallup Poll has been measuring church attendance since 1940 and on a regular basis since 1955. The research is conducted on the basis of samples of 12 widely scattered weeks during a year. In 1969, 18,000 individuals were interviewed and asked whether they attended church in the last seven days.

The greatest decrease was noted among young adults of all traditions. In 1969, the percentages of those 21 to 29 who went to worship in a typical week was 15 points lower than in 1958.

Among persons 30 to 49, attendance was down 6 per cent, and among those 50 and older the decline was 4 per cent.

Thirty-two per cent of Protestant young adults went to church in an average week, as compared with 30 per cent of the over-30 category. Comparable Catholic figures were 51 to 70 per cent.

The poll indicated that while churches do win back large numbers of young adults who stop attending church, the rate is decreasing.

## 'Salvation' Roars Near Broadway

NEW YORK - The ribald rock musical titled Salvation, featuring songs centering loosely on religion, has made a hit in an off-Broadway theater. The show's authors, Peter Link, 24, and C. C. Courtney, 25, both perform with the rock company, singing their own irreverent lines such as "Jesus loves me, this I know. My psychiatrist tells me so," and a song titled "There Ain't No Files on Jesus."

The show "is anti-organized religion," author Link told the Chronicle Sunday PUNCH, "but it's not a n-ti-God or anti-religion. We're not saying people shouldn't go to church. We don't care what religion you are, but find it through yourself. Do it inwardly, not outwardly. Generally that's

what we're trying to say." Link, a member of a Christian Science congregation, added: "We chose religion because we think it's going to be under fire for the next ten years and because it's very deep in both of our backgrounds. We thought it was something we should hit with rock. The important thing is the music: the music is the message."

Link and Courtney believe the world is "in big trouble." This generation, they declare, is the most intelligent generation alive today. "They're asking questions the clergy can't answer and so they've pulled away from religion. But if all the churches were burned down and all the Bibles were thrown away, religion would still be strong."

## Churches Stand Flood In Peru

Baptist churches in Lima, Peru, escaped major damage during a recent flood which devastated much of the coastal city, according to Mrs. Harvey L. Nowland Jr., Southern Baptist missionary there. Mrs. Nowland was contacted by a ham radio operator in Richmond, Va.

The organ of the First Baptist Church in downtown Lima was ruined. Residents were frightened and bewildered by the unusually heavy rainfall, Mrs. Nowland said. The last downpour in Lima occurred more than 40 years ago, she added.

The city is "watered" by heavy fog. Since very little rain falls in Lima, the city streets are not equipped with drains; streets soon turn to rivers when it rains.

In outlying areas there were rock and mud slides.

Mrs. Nowland said electricity and telephone service had been restored in the city, but she was still waiting for "some plumbing in the kitchen." She and the Nowlands' children, Mark 12, and Linda 11, were alone. Mr. Nowland had flown to Richmond for emergency medical treatment.

The Nowlands attend a Baptist church in Comas, a suburb of Lima where houses are made of cardboard and woven bamboo. Many residents of Comas were evacuated. Collique, an adjoining area where the Comas church has a mission, was almost wiped out.

When the deluge came most of the Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Lima were in Trujillo, north of Lima, at a meeting of the national Baptist convention of Peru.

The Nowlands, appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966, studied Spanish for a year in Costa Rica, then moved to Arequipa, Peru. They transferred to Lima early last year.

## Bill Glass --

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Cleveland and played his last seven seasons with the Browns.

Glass, who was selected to play in four NFL All - Star games, played more than 11 years without serious injury. The only time he missed a game because of an injury was in 1968 when he was sidelined for four weeks with two broken ribs suffered in a 30-20 victory over the Baltimore Colts.

During the off - season, Glass attended the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and received the bachelor of divinity degree in 1963. He is now engaged in full - time evangelistic work.

## Baptist Hospital --

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nationally. And the hospital's personnel constitute one of its best assets."

Wilson is director (and vice - president) of Middle South Utilities, Inc., New York; Middle South Services, Inc., New Orleans; Mississippi Power & Light Company, Jackson; Standard Life Insurance Company, Jackson; Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson; and Magna American Corporation, Jackson.

He is a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church.

## Criswell, Daughter --

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plis, she will appear on television, and in Arusha, Tanzania, she will give a theater concert.

Several side trips will spark the tour. For example, a drive through Murchison Falls National Park in Uganda, including a river trip by launch, is scheduled. In Tanzania, a plane will deposit the party on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater where they will transfer to a land rover.

Criswell and his daughter expect to return to the United States on Feb. 27. He has been pastor of 15,000-member First Baptist Church in Dallas for 26 years. He was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1966.

Mrs. Jackson sang with the Dallas Chorus for four years and has been the featured soloist in numerous evangelistic rallies and on radio, television and recordings.



# Radio-TV Agency Reports Growth

SBC RADIO-TV AGENCY.

FORT WORTH (BP) — The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here has reported statistical increases in almost every area of its work during 1969, prompting the commission's director, Paul M. Stevens, to call it "a cause for rejoicing throughout the Southern Baptist Convention."

At the end of the year, the commission was producing and syndicating a total of 2,750 radio and television programs weekly, an increase of nearly 300 programs. Most of the increases were in the area of radio programming, Stevens said.

Biggest advances were made by two new programs introduced by the commission during the year, he observed.

POWERLINE, a teen music program with commentaries on teenage life from a Christian perspective, was distributed to 287 stations across the nation by the year's end. POWERLINE was started in February of 1969.

A music program for country-western fans called COUNTRY CROSSROADS reached 134 stations after being introduced in October before "budgetary limitations" forced a halt to its expansion, Stevens said.

Religious news programs, prepared especially by and for 14 state conventions, increased from 315 radio stations in 1968 to 426 at the end of 1969.

"Radio spots represent another new type of programming with which the commission made great inroads in 1969," said Stevens. Thousands of discs and tapes on such themes as drug abuse, highway safety, church attendance, and Christmas were distributed to radio stations throughout the nation, he said.

Syndicated television production of such programs as THE ANSWER series, the JOT cartoons, and THE ADAMS SPOTS was held to a slight increase by a shortage of funds, Stevens said, but network cooperative productions more than doubled.

During 1969, the commission produced 9 1/2 hours of programs televised nationally in cooperation with three networks — the American Broadcasting Co., the Columbia Broadcasting System, and the National Broadcasting Co. In 1968, the total was four hours of such nationally televised programs.

The networks also agreed to experiment with religious musicals for the first time in 1969, Stevens noted. Such musical programs included The Centurymen, a new 100 voice singing group of Southern Baptist ministers of music; the Texas Boys Choir, and a Baylor University group performing for the first time on national television a Christmas folk musical called, "Tell It Like It Is" (NBC-TV, Feb. 1, 1970).

## Handsboro Calls Ellis As Pastor

Dr. Wesley Ellis, former pastor of First Church, Leakesville, Greene County, assumed duties as pastor of Handsboro Church, Gulfport, on January 1.



Handsboro Church, almost 96 years old, is strategically located on Pass Road midway between Gulfport and Biloxi. Counted among its 585 resident members are service personnel and civilians affiliated with the Keesler Air Force Base, the Gulfport Seabee Center, and other local governmental facilities, as well as many long-time residents of the area. One of Handsboro's members, J. C. Broom, representative for the American Bible Society, with the cooperation of churches and individuals, has distributed some 32,000 copies of the Scriptures since Hurricane Camille.

The new pastor and his family were welcomed with an old-fashioned grocery pounding January 11.

## Frost Elected Florida Sunday School Secretary

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — James E. Frost, Sunday School department secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, has been elected Sunday School secretary for the Florida Baptist Convention, effective March 1.

Frost is well-known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, having previously been supervisor of general administration for the Training Union department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

An upsurge of audience response also was noted during 1969, Stevens said. JOT, the five-minute television color cartoon for children, prompted more than 200,000 letters, many of them from children. POWERLINE and COUNTRY CROSSROADS accounted for an increase of more than 1,200 letters per month.

Stevens observed that another significant expansion occurred in the area of mail follow-up, with "scores of persons" being won to Christ through such efforts.

He noted that a prominent pastor and personal counselor, J. P. Allen of Fort Worth's Broadway Baptist Church, had joined the commission staff full time primarily because of recent expansion of the agency's evangelistic outreach on the air and through the mails.

## SBC Annuity Board Boosts Benefit Checks In 1970

DALLAS (BP)—Most persons receiving benefits from the Southern Baptist Protection Program will find the amounts of their checks four per cent larger during 1970, as well as a new format for the checks, the top executive of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board said.

According to R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the SBC Annuity Board, all persons in the plan except those who get education benefits and fixed period benefits will get the increase starting with checks issued Jan. 31, 1970.

Reed said the increase is not new, but rather represents a departure from the way it has been given during the past few years.

"Previously persons receiving retirement benefits were given a '13th

check," which during the past two years has amounted to 12 per cent of each annual retirement benefit," he said. (The extra check for 1969 will be recommended to the trustees in February.)

Reed said the new procedure now allows the board to give part of the increase each month instead of waiting to give it all at one time at the end of the year.

"With the way the costs of living keep going up, the board feels this approach will help our people," Reed said.

He added that this means the "13th check," if given in 1971, by necessity, would be smaller.

"The increase in benefits, including the '13th check,' has been made possible by interest earnings in excess

of the amount needed to meet the actuarial requirements of the various retirement plans," Reed said.

He added that persons getting fixed period benefits will realize a proportionate part of the gain. The percentage of each will vary, however, since each is based on different specified periods of time.

Reed said the education benefit, which is paid to a college student of a retired, disabled or deceased minister, will not get the increase.

The reason is this benefit is paid over a short period of time — four years maximum — and has only a small reserve on which to earn interest, he explained. Computing the amount for each individual education benefit plus making a determination if it is current and payable, would

cost more than what could possibly be given, Reed said. The education benefit amounts to 40 per cent of the regular benefit each member receives and can be as much as \$800 a year.

Reed said the check format has been completely revised to conform with the board's computer operation which not only increases proficiency but also eliminates the need of issuing multiple checks to the same person.

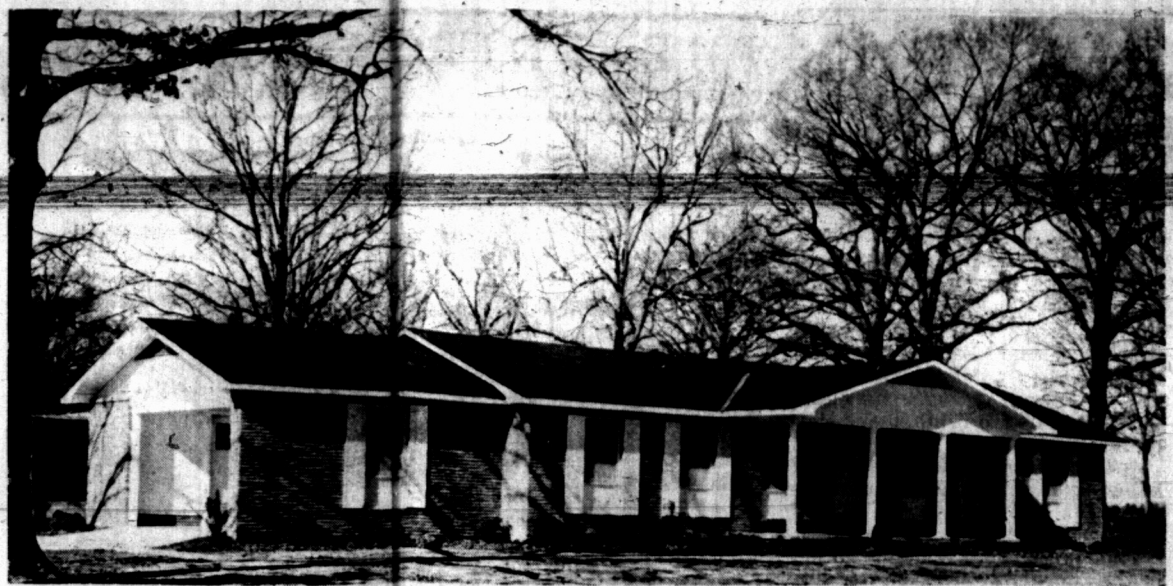
"Now each person will get only one check for all the benefits to which he is entitled," Reed said.

"The new check format shows the receiver his personal account number, a list of each benefit, and the amount of each payable to him, plus the total amount of all benefits payable," Reed concluded.

From South Vietnam: Following a challenge to U. S. servicemen at the Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon to give one month's hazardous duty pay to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the church's budget income in November was almost twice that of the previous month: James F. Humphries, Southern Baptist missionary associate and pastor of the 125-member Trinity Church, said many congregations in America had been told what they could do with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering because they are not sufficiently challenged from the pulpit. Humphries said he expected the Lottie Moon offering at Trinity Church to exceed \$3,500 by Jan. 4. "The amazing thing about these offerings is that we encourage every serviceman to give at least half his offering back in the stateside church which the rest of his family attends," he said.

Inflation has affected everything except the wages of sin.

The truth is one thing for which there are no known substitutes.



Central Church, Brookhaven, Erects Pastorium

Central Church, Lincoln County, at Brookhaven, has built a new pastorium, a Gold Medal home with central heating and cooling, three bedrooms, two full baths, carpeting, and a modern kitchen. The Building Com-

mittee members were Earl Foster, chairman, Lamar Walls, Phillip West, Mrs. C. H. West, Mrs. J. D. Foster, and Mrs. Versie Wooly. R. M. Stuart is financial chairman; Rev. James F. Smith is pastor.

## Denominations Lose Church Properties In U. S. High Court Refusal To Intervene In Case

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — By refusing to intervene in two cases involving appeals from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) and the Churches of God, the U. S. Supreme Court has allowed seceding congregations to take over church property that normally has been vested in the denominations.

Even more peculiar, the Court refused to act despite the fact that in January 1968 it had overruled Georgia's Supreme Court which had awarded the Southern Presbyterian church properties to the congregations.

Since that decision, the Georgia court had reheard the case and ruled a second time that the property should be awarded to the seceding congregations.

In effect, some observers claimed here, the U. S. Supreme Court may have permitted itself to be "overruled" on a "technicality" by a lower judiciary.

In January 1969, Justice William J. Brennan wrote the majority opinion in which the Court rejected the Georgia court's view that the properties of the Hull Memorial and Eastern Heights churches of Savannah should be held by the seceding congregations.

The congregations had charged that "liberal pronouncements" of Southern

Presbyterian leaders and agencies showed that the denomination had changed its doctrine, thus they claimed that they were entitled to the property as upholders of true denominational doctrine.

In the 1969 case, the U. S. Supreme Court held that civil courts may not base their decisions on religious doctrine.

The case was returned to the Georgia court, and the state's highest court quickly upheld its previous decision. If the state's justices could not examine doctrine, it held, it could not enforce the "implied trust" under which the parent denomination laid claim to the property.

In refusing to intervene in the second appeal, the high Court's decision was accompanied by an opinion by Justice Brennan. It suggested that church leaders may find it difficult to protect themselves from seceding congregations.

Some observers here see the Court's action, or lack of it, as a threat to liberal church bodies. In the Georgia case, it was apparent that church-sponsored social action was a factor in causing the secession of the conservative Georgia congregations. The observers said it was possible that the development may have considerable effect upon those Churches

which traditionally — and often supported by the courts — have by their very structure been the owners of local congregational properties.

The Churches of God case involved the Maryland and Virginia Eldership of the denomination. At issue was the property of Church of God at Sharpsburg, Md. Here, the High Court ruled that the Maryland Court of Appeals' award of the property to the local body "involved no inquiry into religious doctrine." Thus it dismissed the Eldership's appeal of the state decision.

If you can assure me that you have put your complete trust in Jesus Christ as your substitute and Redeemer, then I can tell you with all assurance that you are going to heaven. — C. E. Colton in "Questions Christians Ask," Broadman Press.

## Southern Seminary Consortium Sets Month-Long Mini-Mester

LOUISVILLE (BP)—A four week "Interterm" will be conducted during January of 1971 by the Southern Baptist Seminary here and four other theological schools participating in a new consortium organized recently.

The "Interterm," scheduled Jan. 4-28, 1971 will be organized similar to "mini-mester" sessions at various colleges, except that students will also be allowed to take credit courses at any one of the five participating schools.

Though the "Interterm" is designed for student interchange, some professors may also be teaching at other institutions.

During the experimental session professors will be given great latitude in structuring their classes, particularly in regard to number of class sessions and requirements for the course.

Among the creative approaches to study that will be tried during the "Interterm" will be several laboratory-type courses. Travel seminars to archaeological sites in the Holy Land, Reformation sites in Europe, and Latin American mission fields have already been proposed.

Also planned is an on-site missions workshop in the inner city and intensive reading seminars on various topics. Because a student will take only one course during the January session, class schedules may vary widely to permit concentration to ma-

terial as the course requires.

"We now think about 80 to 90 per cent of both the faculty and students at Southern will be participating," Administrative Dean Allen W. Graves said. Southern is the largest of the participating seminaries, with an enrollment of about 1,300 students annually and a teaching staff of 75.

It is inconceivable and unacceptable to me that God would leave any doubt concerning the steps to the realization of the state of being filled by the Spirit. — John M. Carter in "The Second Cross," Broadman Press.

The church today must be recalled to the practice of living the teachings of the Word. The man in the pew must realize that to sit through a sermon from the Scriptures will not save his soul. — B. J. Chitwood in "A Faith That Works," Broadman Press.

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## Baptist Center Forced To Move

Religious and political pressure against Baptist Publications in Beirut, Lebanon, forced the operation to move to a new location according to the 1969 report of Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon.

Baptist Publications, formerly located in a Muslim area, now operates a short distance away, between the Christian and Muslim communities. Emmett A. Barnes, missionary in Beirut, reported that many of the young people who borrow books from the publishing center's library are Muslim cardholders from the old area.

In its former two-story location Baptist Publications conducted English language classes and maintained a reading room where persons could study and discuss questions of faith. Books, tracts, pamphlets and correspondence courses were distributed from the center.

The study courses were often sent to Arab countries where they were subject to confiscation. For a while requests for the courses were increasing by about 250 per month.

Some activities that were conducted by Baptist Publications in its old location are being continued, according to John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

## 20 Bovines Bid, Baptist Blushes

Doris Glenn, Southern Baptist missionary journeyman, had been in Nyeri, Kenya, only a few months when she learned her true value to one African—as a blushing bride (almost).

According to David C. Long, journeyman in Uganda, it happened like this:

One day Miss Glenn was a passenger in a vehicle driven by veteran missionary Wendell R. (Jack) Hull. They stopped to pick up a Kikuyu tribesman who was walking to town. The African seemed absorbed with Doris's long hair; all the way to town he gazed at it with bewilderment.

Finally, he asked Hull for his "daughter's" hand in marriage, and he made an offer. Hull refused, saying that the cost of his "daughter's" education had greatly exceeded the amount offered. The stranger then told Hull to name his price.

"All the while Mr. Hull was enjoying the episode and Doris sat there red faced," says Long. "However, in the end she found some consolation; the offer was 20 cows, a very good price for a bride by Kikuyu standards."

"Now Doris says if she becomes an old maid it will at least be by her own choice. I suppose it does something for a girl to know she is worth 20 cows."

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Ascent and Descent



"THE MAN WHO IS SO 'ADVANCED' THAT HE IS NOT CONTENT WITH WHAT CHRIST TAUGHT, HAS IN FACT NO GOD. THE MAN WHO BASES HIS LIFE ON CHRIST'S TEACHING, HOWEVER, HAS BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON."

## A New President At New Orleans

After a decade of distinguished service, Dr. H. Leo Eddleman has resigned as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Now the trustees must seek a successor, and they need the prayers of every Southern Baptist that they may have God's guidance in this task.

Personally, we deeply regret to see the seminary lose Dr. Eddleman. He is a highly respected Christian leader, and a scholar who is widely known for his conservatism. He has labored tirelessly to keep the New Orleans institution at the very center of the theological stance which characterizes the vast majority of Southern Baptists. While we are sure that he has followed what he feels is God's will for his ministry, we still are convinced that the convention has suffered a loss, in his leaving to take a place of leadership in another field.

Nevertheless, our interest now must be in the future of the seminary. The trustees have a tremendous responsibility as they seek a man to fill the president's position. Mississippians are concerned about this, not only because this is a convention institution, but also because so much Mississippi leadership comes from this school. In a sense it can be said that the very future of Mississippi Baptist work will depend upon the direction in which New Orleans Seminary moves theologically. This is the reason that so many in this state are deeply desirous that the trustees will be led of the Lord to find another solidly conservative man to take Dr. Eddleman's place.

### Liberalism

It is a well known fact that theological liberalism never ceases in its efforts to gain control of denominational seminaries. It has taken over numerous seminaries in other denominations, and Southern Baptist institutions have not escaped its inroads. Southern Baptists have spoken clearly and emphatically on more than one occasion, saying to trustees and administrators that they want the seminaries to resist liberalism and to remain in the conservative path.

This does not mean that they would deprive the professors of the right to lead their students into exploration of the various fields of theological thought. It does mean, however, if we understand what the convention has said, that when those varied fields have been considered, that the professor can say, "Now this is what Baptists believe, and why

they believe it." If it be argued that there is no "Baptist position" since we are not a creedal people, we reply that something distinguishes us from other denominations, and any man who is teaching in our seminaries should know and accept those distinctions.

### New Orleans

This is why we are interested in the presidency of the New Orleans seminary, and are speaking now, before the search begins, so that there will be nothing personal in what we say. The trustees should seek a man who is a scholar, who has had successful pastoral and denominational experience, and who commands the respect of Baptists everywhere. In his scholarship, we hope that he also will be a man whose conservative position is clearly understood. We would further hope that when elected, he will have the courage and wisdom to make it clear to Southern Baptists and the world that the institution will not be ashamed to be known as an institution of theological conservatism, accepting and teaching the great fundamentals of Bible truth as believed in and taught by most Southern Baptists.

### Credal?

If this sounds credal or narrow, we would remind those who would criticize, of what has happened to other once sound institutions which did not abide by these standards, and of what has happened to the denominations which supported them as the stream of liberal graduates filtered into denominational life. We pray that this never will happen to Southern Baptists, but that the denomination's seminaries will be more and more characterized by their conservatism. If this does not happen, and if liberalism is allowed to creep in, we predict that within a very few years there will be started among Southern Baptists a new seminary, independent of denominational control, but thoroughly Southern Baptist in its ministry and support, which will unashamedly proclaim to the world that it is built upon the solid rock of theological conservatism. This already has been done in some other denominations, and it could happen to us.

It is our hope, however, that such an institution never will be needed. Let our present institutions firmly resist liberal inroads, and make their conservative position clear, and it will not.

We pray that New Orleans Seminary, as new leadership is found, will continue to move in the conservative position.

## "Goodby" And "Hello"

Several weeks ago we said "goodbye" to a friend who had been visiting with us each week in the columns of the Baptist Record throughout the past year, and who had provided for us one of the most popular columns ever to be carried in our pages. We are speaking of Dr. Chester Swor, and his column which appeared regularly until the middle of January. At that time Dr. Swor brought the series to a close, at least for the present, stating that pressing duties prevented his continuing it now. We deeply regretted to lose this feature, and shall look forward to its being resumed in the future.

Few men among Southern Baptists have such insights into the spiritual needs both of youth and adults as does Dr. Swor, and even fewer have his ability to communicate with people of all ages. We say, "Thank you, Dr. Swor, for the blessings you have brought to us through your pen. We pray God's richest blessing upon you in all your work, and

look forward to the time when your schedule allows you to return to our columns."

Even as we say goodbye to Dr. Swor, we are saying hello to a new writer whose work now will appear in the Record. Beginning this week we are carrying a new column written by Mrs. James Fancher, wife of the pastor at First Church, Aberdeen. Her column will present the woman's point of view, and she has chosen to call it "Beyond The Ironing Board." While this column will have a special appeal to women, it is our opinion that it also should quickly gain a large readership among men and young people, if the columns we already have examined are examples of what is coming. Mrs. Fancher, who will be simply "Wilda Fancher" in the column, writes in a refreshing and exciting manner, and deals with spiritual truth that we all need to think about. Look across this page and read her column now, and get a glimpse of what is in store for us.

## "QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

ROBERT QUILLEN: A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers. WILBERT D. GOUGH: In marriage, being the right person is as important as finding the right person.

VALERIE ANDERS (wife of American astronaut): Giving thanks is one course from which we never graduate. LEONARD RAVENHILL: The self-sufficient do not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, the self-righteous cannot pray.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE (of Jesus Christ): Gentlemen, I know men, and you may take my word for it, this was more than a man.

OSWALD CHAMBERS: Never blink facts because they don't agree with your theory.

OBSTACLES are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

"DUTY is the sublimest work in the language; you can never do more than duty; you should never wish to do less."—Robert E. Lee

## A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board



Wilda Fancher

There are a few chores a woman must tend to which I am glad science is doing something about. Like ironing. I suspect my Granny Trenor and Mama Brown would have never believed — during all the hours they stood and sculptured with their irons white shirts which could stand alone — that their granddaughter would share the name of womanhood by sending her preacher-husband into the pulpit — Sunday after Wednesday after Sunday — in a shirt free of starch and untouched by an iron. Needless to say, I am pleased as peaches I lived so long. Often I actually grin as I place lovely, unwrinkled shirts and pants on hangers; sometimes I stick out my tongue at my iron as I pass it on the way to my husband's and sons' closets, arms laden with hangersful of eternally pressed clothing. So far, the crease has outlasted the knees in every pair of pants.

At the same time, it was from the lowly ironing board, coupled with the even lowlier dishpan, that I learned one of the highest lessons about being a woman. The only two duties about housekeeping that I dislike are ironing and dishwashing. But who can rear a family without an abundance of each? So I had to come to grips with each. My earliest solution was to let each go undone just as long as there was another clean dish and another ironed shirt or pair of jeans — a very unsatisfactory solution.

Things slid along. I am sure that my heavenly Father was a bit outdone with me about my attitude. I think He knew I needed to be given a new outlook. I further think He knew I'd have to be given it — that I would make no effort to change my own attitude. Consequently, I think it was His Spirit which caused my mind to function as it did on a certain day after I had been ironing.

The two oldest boys, about five and six then, were dressing to accompany some friends to a neighboring city for a movie. They were quite delighted, and I was summoned several times to help. The place from which they summoned me was the ironing board — because the shirts they wanted to wear had not been ironed and I was in the hurried process of ironing them before time to go. All our frenzied efforts came out even and the results were two very fine-looking, well-groomed boys who gave every evidence of being well-cared for. My heart panted twice — once, from rushing, second, from joy.

As I watched them gleefully pile into Betty's car, something — the Holy Spirit, I plainly suspect — filled my mind with thoughts thiswise: "Wilda, how can you despise something that has such marvelous results? When you are ironing, why can't you look beyond the ironing board and see your boys walking off — to school, church, anywhere, everywhere, into life? By then they were out of sight of my eyes but not out of sight of my heart. I glanced upward and said, "Thanks, Father. I needed that. I'll try to remember."

No miracle had been wrought that sent me rushing hilariously nor regularly to the ironing board, but the drudgery had been eased. I no longer saw the clothes as I laid them out before me on the board — I saw them on my family, coming to life: I saw James Neil's diaper shirts catching his teething drool, I saw Frank's short pants topping legs still plumpish with baby fat, I saw Bobby's shirts stretched across boyishly broad shoulders. I saw James's as he moved among his flock as becomes a good under-shepherd.

Because now I was able to look beyond the ironing board. And soon I could see beyond the dishpan, too.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### My Pastor

For more than two decades I have watched many homes in southwest, southeast, and south Jackson witness bright days and dark days. I have seen, heard of, and witnessed many days of darkness caused by sickness and even death. I have witnessed trouble that leads to broken homes. I have watched a man of God wind his way through the traffic, in the rain, cold, and darkness to many of these homes to share in whatever trouble the people of these homes had. He brought spiritual guidance and restored hope in God and mankind.

I have listened on the streets and on the highways to this man as his voice went out on radio and I have seen and listened to him on television. One could tell from the tone of his voice that he was very concerned about people, and why they were so unconcerned about their soul and where they go from here. He knew many would turn to another station, or turn off the radio, rather than hear about the living God and his grace. Even though he knew this, he preached on. There were some who listened with joy but others were unconcerned. There have been many times when I wondered how he kept on preaching. I know that many times his heart must have been very sore and heavy. Yet he goes on. Do you think this is a good man? Christ said that there is none good, not even one. He is just a shining light to many people as they travel toward the world to come. I praise God for giving this man strength to say, "Lord, here am I, send me." Yes, for many years I have seen, heard, and known; and I thank the living God and praise his holy name for giving Jackson, Mississippi the Reverend S. W. Valentine.

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### Class Writes An Open Letter To Trustees

Brothers:  
We, the members of the Men's Bible Class, and deacons, of Cascadia Baptist Church do hereby go on record as opposing the acceptance of federal funds by our school for any purpose. Has it not been proven beyond any reasonable doubt that federal funds lead to federal control? This being so, trustees or communists could be placed in our schools as instructors, and then the effectiveness of Christian teaching would be gone. You may say this couldn't happen. Has it not already happened in many of our schools throughout these United States? What did atheistic influence do in controlling prayers in our public schools? Think these things over and remember it could happen to us. You say this acceptance of federal funds can be rescinded at any time.

If this is not so, then why no remove the dollar mark from before our eyes and do so immediately before it is too late. We have operated these schools through recessions, wars, and depressions without federal funds for over one hundred years. Now, when there is more money than ever, it is evident that you think it is necessary to secure these funds in order to keep our schools operating.

Again, we say please rescind this order that we may continue to operate our church schools as we see fit and not by possibly a dictatorial power. Yours for the preservation of our Baptist schools.

N. C. Shook, Teacher  
H. D. Goodwin, President  
S. E. Brown, Secretary

(Editors' Note: In fairness to the trustees, let it be clear that not one school has voted to accept federal funds. All they have done is voted to meet requirements so students can get government educational loans which are available to them, just as Social Security is available to older people. This money is loaned to students, and they use it to go to the school of their choice.—Ed.)

## ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

The birth rate for the United States is at the lowest point in history, a University of Wisconsin population expert says. Dr. Norman Ryder said the American birth rate dropped 35 percent over the past 11 years, and the pace of decline exceeded that of the great depression of the 1930s. "In 1957 the birth rate was at a peak of 25.3 per 1,000 people, one of the highest peaks since World War I," Ryder said in a news release. "In 1968 the rate dropped to 17.4, an all-time low." During the same period the average family size went from 3.3 to 2.8 children per family, he said. (The Nashville Tennessean, 1-14-70)

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**Protestant Missions In Haiti**

PEASANT WOMEN and a girl arrive at their thatched-roof hut on Haiti's Plaine du Cul De Sac. The burro is loaded with sticks for the outdoor fire where they do the family cooking. Protestant missions are having increasing success among the five million people of this black republic.—BP Photo.

## WHAT NEWSPAPER EDITORS WANT ABOUT ORDINATIONS, MUSIC EVENTS, REVIVALS

By Hal D. Bennett, Faculty  
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1. **Stories Before The Event.** The editor wants to announce the story in time for his readers to attend the event. Late stories, written after the happening, aren't really news, and aren't worth much.
2. **Accuracy, Accuracy, Accuracy.** Double-check names; spell them as the person wants them, with proper initials included. Add nicknames locally; if the person is mostly known by one, use it. Married women will be reported by husband's name, as "Mrs. Jeffrey Z. Dover."
3. **Remember The Newswriters' 5 Ws, Who? What? When? Where? Why? (or How?)** Find answers to these questions about your person or event, and include them in your first one or two paragraphs. Use subse-

quent paragraphs for details and explanations. Don't list everybody in the area, but don't leave out anyone on working committees, or taking part on programs important to the area, however small.

4. **Double-Space Stories You Write** (this is single-spaced). If inexperienced, get answers to 5-Ws, correct spelling of all (full) names, and become familiar enough with the situation to answer questions. Then phone or see your newswriter. Most communities have a local correspondent who will be glad to help you, welcoming your news as a source of added income.

5. **Your Ordination Story.** Editors like these, but like them far better in time to be the one to announce the event. Give name of one being ordained, and all names on both ordination council and in the ordination

service. Visitors must be identified by pastorates, denominational positions, and addresses, if on program. REMEMBER, get full names, properly spelled.

6. **Music Events** (as recitals, special groups, choral presentations). Beware of married women listed as if single, as "Aria Pinanner," when she is really Mrs. Silencio Pinanner, to an editor. Weekly papers usually come out on Thursday. On all stories, their deadlines — the last possible minute they can handle your copy — usually is by Tuesday at noon. (The Baptist Record deadline is Monday at noon.) Get there earlier, so the editor can set your story in type, so the latecomers have their stories left out, not you.

7. **Revivals** — look for a story before the revival, and after. Pre-revival stories will announce the date

and place, and the visiting evangelists and musicians, and pastor's names. Use local names of ones who are to be identified with the coming services. Religious censuses will generate news, and will be worth separate stories, listing everything pertinent to the census. Where there is a daily paper, look for a mid-week story, listing special nights, special music, decision reports, and whatever is going on worth reporting. Get a story to the paper after the revival week is past, especially giving visible results.

A recent study of women in the 20-30 age bracket showed that cigarette smokers have twice as great a chance as non-smokers of developing advanced periodontal disease causing the loss of teeth — even all teeth — taken from a recent article in Delaware County (Pa.) Daily Times.

## Missionaries Shape Strategy For Vietnam Social Ministry

By Ione Gray

SAIGON, South Vietnam—The social ministries committee of the Vietnam Baptist Mission has hammered out the clearest and most comprehensive strategy for Christian social work ever devised by Southern Baptist foreign missionaries for the relief of suffering in a country.

The proposed program of social ministries resulted from a long and intensive study of human need in South Vietnam.

This program includes (1) beginning and continuing a program of training in social ministries through the Baptist theological seminary in Saigon, (2) encouraging the election of Christian social ministries committees of local Baptist churches.

Also, (3) instituting day care centers and programs of weekday activities — such as classes in elementary first aid, prenatal care, home health, infant and child care, nutrition and food preparation and preservation — and starting outpatient clinics, counseling in family planning and supervised recreation.

Also, (4) establishing a continuing program of workshops for training social ministries committees of local churches and (5) continuing the distribution of relief goods.

Realizing the need for professional assistance and guidance, the missionaries in South Vietnam and the Foreign Mission Board called on Walter Delamarter, associate professor of social work and director of social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Delamarter went to South Vietnam last summer to help the missionaries and Vietnamese Christian find practical ways to express their Christian love for the suffering people of that war-devastated country. After three grueling weeks of travel, interviews, conferences and study, Delamarter gave an informal report of his findings and recommendations to the missionaries in their annual meeting in early August.

His 46-page formal report was in the hands of the social ministries committee when it met in late November to draw up a policy statement of Christian social concern for the Vietnam Baptist Mission. The same week the executive committee of the Mission accepted the statement for depth study.

The purpose of ministering to the person's social, physical, mental and spiritual needs and a list of principles for such a ministry given early in the policy statement revealed the determination of the committee that social ministries be programmed through local churches.

The following are among the principles of Christian social concern which the committee wrote into the policy statement:

1. "That which we do must help, not hurt, enhancing the dignity of the individual. . . . These questions might be asked: Does what we do for him make him more dependent? Does it bind him more to his present bondage and needs? Does it lessen incentive? Does it hinder personal development? Does it meet a real need while helping him grow?"
2. "That which we do should be identified with a local church or churches. This implies that it is a ministry of Christian concern of the local church. It also implies that, where possible, existing church buildings will be used as centers for projecting activities."
3. "Activities should be of a nature that mission involvement can be terminated without endangering the effectiveness of the program. This recognizes that our program is assisting in the development of indigenous churches, that we carry on work from limited financial resources and that we carry on work with limited personnel."

In determining its set of principles the committee was stimulated by Delamarter's seven basic principles and concepts in developing a program of social ministries.

"Focus on quality rather than on quantity," he said. "The needs of almost every foreign mission field for Christian social ministries are staggering. Baptists would go bankrupt trying to do even a substantial amount, but we can develop a strategy of superior qualitative selective services which will say to the world, 'My, how those Christians love one another!'"

One of Delamarter's principles deals with the putting of emphasis on investment in leadership rather than brick and mortar. "Good leadership in a tent is better than poor leadership in a beautiful facility," he said. Then he added, "There is no reason why, with proper planning, education and dedication, we cannot have both."

Delamarter also said in his report: "The church cannot be the church unless it proclaims, teaches, provides, a Christian fellowship and engages in a ministry of service and healing. When any one of the four basic functions is missing, the church is no longer a whole church."

Concurring in this conviction the social ministries committee suggested four church-centered goals for 1970. These, of course, must meet the approval of the churches. They are:

1. Cooperate with the seminary in Saigon in beginning a course on the introduction to Christian social ministries.
2. Set up a pilot project in day care or in kindergarten — or both — in cooperation with a local church.
3. Set up a pilot project in weekday ministries in cooperation with a local church.
4. Conduct at least one workshop after implementation of these two pilot projects to train leaders of local churches in social ministries.

Though the goals for 1970 are microscopic when placed against the background of South Vietnam's need, they would begin the long-range program

of Christian social ministries as drawn up by the committee.

In closing its statement of purpose for Christian social concern, the committee said: "Our ministry of Christian social concern seeks to exemplify New Testament practice in cooperation with local Baptist churches and to train the members of these churches so that they can and will carry out Christ's command in an indigenous manner apart from our presence in South Vietnam."

The Vietnam Baptist Mission has placed high on its list of personnel requests a career social worker. In the meantime, as an emergency measure, it has asked the Foreign Mission Board to try to find a social ministries specialist who is willing to come to South Vietnam to work a year or two with the missionaries in English so that a structured program of Christian social work can be started immediately, beginning with the four 1970 goals.

All Southern Baptist missionaries in South Vietnam — and likely all missionaries of any denomination — are now or have been involved in some kind of emergency relief. The present involvement in such services is temporary and haphazard because there are no missionaries specially trained for Christian social ministries. There is, therefore, no structure or personnel for meeting the critical human needs in the country.

Delamarter and the missionaries in South Vietnam believe the increasing withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country and the transfer of more and more responsibility for social welfare services to the Vietnamese government and to private voluntary agencies (including churches and mission groups) calls for an immediate response.

The social ministries committee of the Vietnam Baptist Mission is made up of Mrs. Samuel M. James, Saigon, chairman; Walter A. Routh Jr., Cam Ranh Bay; Mrs. James F. Humphries, Saigon; and Herman P. Hayes, Can Tho, ex officio, as chairman of the Mission.

### Guatemala's 35th Baptist Church

A 42-member Baptist congregation in Guatemala City has organized as Macedonia Baptist Church, the ninth Baptist church in the city and 35th in the Guatemalan Baptist Convention. Dedication of the building and the organization service were led by Southern Baptist missionaries and convention officials. Enrique Dias, professor in the Guatemalan Baptist Theological Institute is pastor.



NASHVILLE — Wallace Denton (lower left), associate professor of family life and marriage counseling, Purdue University, will hold conferences at Ridgecrest Assembly, August 27 - September 2, and at Gloria's Assembly, August 13-19, 1970. Cecil Sherman (lower center), pastor, First Church, Asheville, N. C., will speak on pastoral preaching and Richard K. Young (lower right), professor of pastoral care, Southeastern Seminary, will speak on pastoral counseling during the Ridgecrest conference. John H. Boyle (upper right), associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, will speak on pastoral counseling at Gloria's and James G. Harris, pastor, University Church, Fort Worth, will speak on pastoral preaching at Gloria's. —BSSB PHOTO



NASHVILLE—Materials on adult literacy, displayed in the Dargan-Carver Library, are discussed by (left) Robert C. Laubach, executive director of Laubach Literacy, Inc., Syracuse; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Novinger, presently serving in Roswell, N.M., as Christian Service Corps members in the field of literacy missions under the Home Mission Board.—BSSB Photo.

## Literacy Missions Needs Cited By Robt. Laubach

NASHVILLE — "I would estimate that there are 20 million illiterates in the United States," Robert Laubach, executive director, Laubach Literacy, Inc., Syracuse, told an audience at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board recently.

Leader of a week-long seminar entitled "Laboratory on Learning to Write for the Disadvantaged," Laubach pointed out the serious need for Southern Baptists to expand their ministry in the areas of literacy missions.

Among seminar participants were those people interested in preparing Bible study materials for the deaf (who, because of their handicap, have a somewhat limited vocabulary), for persons learning English as a second language and for special groups such as those with a limited background of Bible knowledge.

In answer to problems such as those of Don Peterson, pastor, Black Oak Baptist Church, Gary, Ind., who works with, as he says, "foreign, in-

terracial, retarded, non-reading, blind and deaf people," Laubach said:

"These are the kind of needs our literacy program meets. More workers are needed in all these areas."

Among the seminar participants were Gene and Betty Novinger, presently serving in Roswell, N. M., as Christian Service Corps members in the field of literacy missions under the Home Mission Board.

"Our task is to hold workshops, train teachers and promote literacy missions on an associational level. We are establishing centers in Roswell and Carlsbad now. We were previously assigned to Las Cruces, where literacy centers are now in operation," said Novinger.

Participants were from varied backgrounds. Dean E. Richardson, educated in chemical engineering, is a group leader in research and development for Union Carbide Corporation. His work, he says, "requires a great deal of technical writing. By attending this seminar, I can adapt skills learned here so that I can communicate with new readers, internationals and others."

## "How Do You Care For A Family When The Father Dies?"

DALLAS — Every now and then an old problem pops up: "How do you care for a family when the father dies?"

If that father is a minister or staff member, a church immediately becomes involved. Church members seek a solution and that usually costs the church money.

One solution to the church's problem is found in a new filmstrip produced by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.

In the filmstrip, "Group Insurance Program" benefits are explained in cartoon visuals.

The problem of need focuses on a present-day minister. It had its start centuries ago. The filmstrip explains how that need has been met through the years.

The 10 minute color presentation called "The Group Insurance Program" shows how to estimate benefits and costs. It is available free showing to churches who want to protect their ministers and staff members by obtaining life insurance and long term disability coverage.

Copies of the filmstrip may be obtained from the annuity secretary in state Baptist headquarters or from the Annuity Board, 511 North Akard, Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

## "Francophone" Baptists Confer In Ivory Coast

The third "Francophone Conference" of Southern Baptist missionaries working in French-speaking African countries was held recently in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

All missionaries currently working in Togo, Senegal and the Ivory Coast and John E. Mills, the Foreign Mission Board's field representative for West Africa, attended the two-day meeting.

Planning the translation and production of church literature in French was a major subject of the conference. Sunday School manuals for adults and young people must be prepared for publication.

A Baptist laywoman in Paris, France, has contracted to translate and adapt Sunday School materials published by Baptists in Zambia for use in French-speaking churches of West Africa.

## That Old Goat, Complaint

By Al Morgan

That old goat, Complaint, is still on the prowl and may enter your church yard in 1970 if you are not careful.

Wandering indiscriminately through any church's open door, the destructive animal may turn up almost any place.

Once in the door, he voids objection to one and all for any calamity or misfortune that occurs and places responsibility on the church.

Besides complaining, the old goat will deceive, lie or cheat — depending what best fits the need at the moment. And the church must ultimately suffer as the result.

Some persons are seeking here on earth a victim for all the ills of mankind. Christianity seems to qualify for them.

At a time when the church must concentrate its greatest influence on the problems of the world, there are those who would criticize it the loudest.

Complaint disregards the fact that with less church influence things would be worse, but others know that we do not need less church, but more church.

It is a time that Christians — ministers and laymen alike — contribute more by working together for the advancement of Christianity instead of blaming the church for the world's

ills.

Let's all turn that old goat, Complaint, out to pasture and apply our God-given talents to furthering our Lord's Kingdom here on earth.

### Gospel Films To Release

#### "The Heart Cannot Run"

On February 14, Gospel Films, Inc., Muskegon, Michigan, will release THE HEART CANNOT RUN, a documentary of the ministry of Bill Leslie, who, while an associate pastor of famed Moody Memorial Church, heard the call of God to minister at the Elm La Salle Bible Church in Chicago's inner city.

For almost a decade now, Bill Leslie has lived among and ministered to an underprivileged, shifting mass of humanity in a poverty-stricken area where 60,000 people are jammed into one square mile. The membership of Bill's church has a 75% turnover each year, and only one member remains who was there when Bill arrived nearly ten years ago.

Measured by the standards of men, Bill Leslie does not hold an enviable position. For most men a move to suburbia would be a route to take, but Bill Leslie, burdened for the souls of men, found that THE HEART CANNOT RUN.



### Collects Rare Hymnals

William Carey College music professor, Dr. James Downey, looks over several rare old copies of early Christian hymnals. Dr. Downey, whose unique interest in both history and music has been the spark that started an interesting hobby, hopes to provide Carey College with the most complete collection of old hymnals in the South. One of the cherished in his collection is a copy of The Sacred Harp, published in 1840. Dr. Downey is interested in contacting all persons having old or unusual Christian



# Names In The News



Dannie Rolison, at right, and his son, Darin, were recipients of perfect attendance Sunday school pins at Union Church, where Dannie is a member and teaches an Intermediate boys' class. Rev. Bobby Ivy, pastor, and Superintendent R. E. Williams, Jr. presented a 14-year pin to Mr. Rolison and a one-year pin to Darin. Mr. Rolison, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rolison of Enterprise, has one other son and is married to the former Elizabeth Moore of Meridian.

Rev. Henry W. Wooten, of Tucson, on January 2 assumed the newly created position at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, of assistant to the president for development and promotion. At the time of his appointment to the GCC staff, he had been pastor of North Tucson Southern Baptist Church for only eight months and recently had been elected vice president of the college Board of Trustees.

Virgil L. McBride, native of Durant,



Miss., and a graduate of Mississippi College, has been named development officer at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C. McBride, who is public information and program representative of the North Carolina Good Neighbor Council, will begin his new duties Feb. 9. His appointment was announced by Dr. James Ralph Sciala, president of the university. McBride is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McBride of Durant. He has had more than seven years of pastoral experience in Mississippi, Alabama and North Carolina.

Dr. Gail W. DeBord, Pastor of First Church, Long Beach, and his wife have just returned from Puerto Rico where Dr. DeBord taught the January Bible Study in the book of James, at Calvary Baptist Church, San Juan. The pastor, Rev. B. Clyde Rockett, invited the couple to spend the week for Bible teaching and to become acquainted with the mission work in Puerto Rico. The trip resulted in an extensive survey of the island and time for golf and swimming. "The churches in Puerto Rico are no tall supplied with pastors at this time. There is a definite need for volunteers to contact the Home Mission Board of the Convention and offer to devote some of their time to work on this most beautiful island. The people are exceptionally gracious and hungry for the gospel," states Mr. DeBord.



Dennis McIntire has been called by Midway Church, Jackson, as full-time minister of music and youth. A native of Mexico, Missouri, Mr. McIntire graduated from Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Seminary. He served First Church, Florence, as minister of education and music before going to Midway January 4. Mr. McIntire is married to former Ruth Parker of St. Louis, Missouri. The pastor of Midway is Rev. W. Benton Preston.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Young, missionary appointees, are scheduled to leave the States on January 31 for a temporary assignment in Yemen (address: Box 404, Taiz, Yemen). He is a native of Thomastown, Miss. She is the former Guinevere Jenkins of Kosciusko, Miss. The Youngs were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board last June.

Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, missionaries to Nigeria who have been stationed temporarily in Ibadan, have returned to their post in Kaduna (address: Box 48, Kaduna, Nigeria, West Africa). Merritt is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss. Mrs. Merritt, the former Elizabeth Cooper, was born in Louisville, Ky. Daughter of a Baptist minister, she lived in several towns while growing up, including Tupelo, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala.

## Autograph Party For Dr. Ratliff

An autograph party will be held Saturday, February 7, at Autrey's Christian Book Store, in Hattiesburg, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., for Dr. L. Craig Ratliff (pictured), pastor of University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and author of the book, *BE-CAUSE WE BELIEVE*, a layman's introduction to theology, published by Broadman Press.

Native of Texas and graduate of Baylor, Dr. Ratliff received the Th.D. degree from Southern Seminary. He has been on the faculty at Ridgecrest Assembly, frequent speaker on college campuses, a contributor to *The Baptist and Reflector*, *The Baptist Student*, *The Baptist Program*, and curriculum writer for the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is married to the former Nancy Liberman of Chattanooga, Tenn. They have four boys.

## Music Festival To Be At Clarke

The annual Music Festival of the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs Zone II will be held Saturday, March 7, at Clarke College.

Mrs. Hal Russell of Philadelphia, Vice-president of Zone II, will be in charge of the Festival. Assisting her will be Mrs. J. C. Mauldin, President of the Mississippi Federation of Music Clubs, Mrs. Laws Meador, of Columbus, stae festival chairman and Mrs. N. A. Johnson, Jr. Philadelphia.

Entrants are expected from Macon, Meridian, Philadelphia, Newton, Waynesboro, Quitman and Brooksville.

## East Philadelphia Calls Pastor

Rev. W. Frank Lay has recently accepted the call to serve as pastor of East Philadelphia Church in Neshoba Association. Mr. Lay has served as pastor of the Neshoba Association in Lucedale. He goes to East Philadelphia from Oak Grove Church at Prentiss, where he has served for two and one-half years. Mr. Lay attended Clarke College, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from William Carey College, and recently received the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Margaret Caraway of Prentiss. Rev. and Mrs. Lay moved to East Philadelphia on January 1.

## Reception To Honor Rev. Rowe Holcomb

First Church, Hazlehurst will honor its pastor, Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, with a reception to be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8. The occasion will mark his 21st anniversary.

Friends from throughout Copiah and adjoining counties are invited to call at the church between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

**Called To Oakland**

Rev. Julian West has assumed duties as pastor of Oakland Church, Corinth, after serving Houka Church for five years and four months. He is married to the former Patricia Bates of Laurel. They have a son, Bradford Lynn, age 15 months. Mr. West, a native of Waynesboro, is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.



## Highland Honors Stephen Stone

Steve Stone, center, was honored by his church, Highland Church in Jackson, on the night of January 25. Steve was returning to his job at Shainberg's in Westland Plaza on the night of Sept. 2, when he saw two men struggling on the sidewalk. A 19-year-old robber knocked the other man down and stomped him. Stone recognized the man on the ground as manager of another store in the shopping center who told Steve he had been robbed.

By the time Stone took up the chase, the assailant had a couple blocks headstart, but he caught up with him at Robinson Street Baptist Church. Young Stone captured the robber and personally returned him to the scene of the crime where police were waiting. In addition to this award from his home church, Steve has been honored in many ways by the City of Jackson and civic clubs. The plaque presented to him reads as follows: "The Lord Is My Helper, I will Not Fear What Man Shall Do Unto Me. Heb. 3:6. Presented to Steve Stone by Highland Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi for his display of outstanding courage in rushing to the aid of a fellow man." In the picture, from left to right are Pete Bradfield, minister of education and youth at Highland, Stone, and Rev. Wendell Gilmore, pastor.

## Sunday School

### State Vacation Bible School Clinic Nears

Our State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be FEBRUARY 16-17 at the Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson. Most associations have enlisted their complete teams and made reservations in Jackson. There is still time to make your reservations if you have not already done so.

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Alternate—Miss Thelma Williamson, Broadmoor Church, Jackson

Intermediate Bob McKee, Broadmoor Church, Jackson

Alternate—Miss Betty Jo Lacy, First Church, Hattiesburg

Conferences begin at 2 p.m. Monday and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday. Call or write the Sunday School Department for further information if necessary.

## Brotherhood

### Man And Boy Rallies

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- To provide missionary information and challenge for both men and boys.
- To provide a meeting on an area basis where men and boys would have an opportunity to see and feel the impact of the interest in the church Brotherhood program in their particular area.
- The rallies have provided opportunity for Brotherhood leaders working with boys to exchange ideas, and to gain encouragement by simply seeing that others are getting the job done.
- The rallies have exerted a sense of urgency upon the church Brotherhood program to provide adequate leadership for the boys and it has created a sense of belonging (to the church Brotherhood program) for the boys.

In achieving these elements of the purpose I am sure that many additional benefits have also derived from the efforts put forth by both the men and boys.

#### SCHEDULE OF MEETING PLACES

- March 20 — First Baptist Church, Wiggins
- March 27 — First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs
- April 3 — State Boulevard Baptist Church, Meridian
- April 10 — East Heights Baptist Church, Tupelo
- April 17 — Moorhead Baptist Church, Moorhead

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. Please contact the host church you plan to attend, and send \$1.25 if you will be there for the meal.

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## Training Union

### Intermediate Sword Drill References Correction

The listing of scriptures for the doctrinal drill for the first quarter of 1970 have been listed incompletely in the Intermediate Training Union Quarterly. The scripture references should have been accompanied by a descriptive sentence. The corrected doctrinal drill for this quarter is listed below.

- Doctrinal Drill**
- Victory Over Temptation**
1. The Lord delivers the righteous from temptation.—2 Peter 2:9
  2. The Christian must arm himself against temptation.—Ephesians 6:13
  3. Virtue is rewarded.—James 1:12
  4. God enables the Christian to stand up under temptation.—1 Corinthians 10:13
  5. Devotion in the work of the Lord will not be in vain.—1 Corinthians 15:57-58
  6. Victory over temptation is won by faith.—1 John 5:4

### Pastor's Mother Dies

Mrs. D. D. Shanahan, 82, of 2903 Woodbine, died Jan. 31 in Baptist Hospital, Jackson, after an extended illness. She was the former Jossie Amelia Salley, a native of Montgomery County.

Her husband died in 1957. She had lived in Jackson 30 years and was a member of Northwest Hills Baptist Church. Her son, Rev. Jim Shanahan, is pastor of that church.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Hancock, Mrs. L. S. Benton and Mrs. Marie Hutchinson, all of Jackson; two sons, Johnnie Shanahan, and Rev. Jim Shanahan, both of Jackson; two sisters, Mrs. Allie Moore and Mrs. Flora Choate, both of Itta Bena; two brothers, George H. Salley of Jackson and J. S. Salley of Itta Bena; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in Baldwin Chapel, Feb. 2 with Rev. Percy Cooper of Cathage officiating.

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February - "Seminaries, Colleges And Schools" Month

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Onous Wells of Terry, Mississippi, is standing, 14th from the left.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON ———— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

## Jesus Offers God's Forgiveness

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 18:23-25; Luke 7:36-50

In this lesson we are dealing with sublime verities in the Christian gospel. We learn of man's need of the forgiveness of sins.



We learn that God is a forgiving God. We learn that Christ exercises the divine prerogative to forgive sins. We learn that a repentant spirit and trusting faith are essential to the experience of forgiveness. A passage from Luke's Gospel is chosen for study; it shows the striking contrast between a repentant woman and a self-righteous Pharisee and shows Jesus' compassion for the sinful woman. A passage from Matthew's Gospel, included in the larger lesson, teaches the truth that those who have received God's forgiveness through Christ must also forgive, from the heart, those who have wronged them. The forgiven must forgive!

### The Lesson Explained Jesus And A Sinful Woman Verses 36-38

The setting for the teaching of this lesson is dinner in a Pharisee's house. Simon is the host, and Jesus is the honor guest. But the surprising dinner scene converges on a woman, well known in the city as a sinner, who came uninvited. This woman was disreputable, likely a prostitute. It seems that she came, not in brazen indifference to her character, but because she felt strangely drawn to Jesus, believing him to be the friend of sinners. Suddenly her emotions overpowered her. She not only anointed Jesus' feet with the perfume, she bathed them with tears of penitence and love, knelt down and wiped them with the hair of her head, and covered them with kisses of gratitude. Here was a woman, soiled and degraded and corrupted by many sins, who somehow believe, that Jesus would understand the yearning of her heart for cleansing and peace.

### Jesus And A Self-Righteous Pharisee Verses 39-47

The fact that Jesus accepted the penitent devotion of the sinful woman caused Simon to doubt that Jesus could be a prophet. If he were, surely he would let such a woman touch him! Jesus knew Simon's inner thoughts, and he took advantage of the occasion to confront Simon with his own need and, even more, to teach the truth about God's forgiveness. With a parable, Jesus illustrated the truth. The person who has little sense of guilt, little awareness of his sins, will feel little gratitude toward God for forgiveness and little love toward God. The self-righteous Pharisee had shown no courtesies toward Jesus, no real understanding of who Jesus was, no sense of what Jesus could mean to him. The penitent woman had sensed her need of mercy and forgiveness, and therefore had been the recipient of God's amazing forgiveness. She loved much, because she had been forgiven so very much!

### Jesus And The Forgiveness Of Sins Verses 48-50

Jesus now spoke directly to the sinful woman. He declared, with the authority of God, "Thy sins are forgiven." In the experience of this woman and through the teaching of Jesus, we learn basic truths about God's forgiveness. We learn that repentance, faith, and forgiveness go together. There must be true repentance, a turning away from sin with godly sorrow, as a condition of forgiveness. God cannot forgive the unrepentant person. And along with repentance there must be the trustful acceptance of forgiveness through faith in Christ. Repentance means nothing unless it means turning to Christ with a sense of dependence on him and full commitment to him.

### Truths to Live By

Jesus was at home in social groups. — Jesus was no recluse, no ascetic, no deserter from the social situation. He came into the world and accepted relationships with the people of the world. He was in no sense involved in evil, but he was friendly toward all persons, regardless of their character or status. The fact that he accepted invitations to social functions and the fact that people flocked to him in great crowds says much about his capacity for friendship, his openness toward other persons, and his wholesome identification with life. Jesus was personable to the highest degree — not only the perfect gentleman but the warm friend — the man indeed!

Forgiveness is an urgent need of human hearts. — Why are people so indifferent to this need? Why deny the fact of a cancer of the heart which means spiritual death? Why try to cover up the dark and ugly realities of human experiences which are open to the sight of God and which God will not overlook or condone? If we ignore our sins, deny our sins, say that we have not sinned, we charge God as a liar, for he has declared the fact of our sins. But if we confess our sins, we receive God's willing and merciful forgiveness.

The wonder of God's forgiveness should elicit the strongest gratitude and love. — When we become serious and face the fact of our many acts of sin, our shortcomings and unworthiness in the sight of God, we feel the sting of our guilt and the wickedness of our rebellion against God. But if there has been true repentance, we have experienced the peace of forgiveness. In the light of what Christ has done for us, and the measure of God's free forgiveness without limit and without reproach, the measure of our gratitude and love should be without limit. The repentant woman could do no less than bathe Jesus' feet with tears and caress them with kisses. But for us, tears and kisses must be translated into devotion, thanksgiving, loyalty, and hard work in doing the will of God in the world.

The well-written history is an orderly account of the activities that have been a part of the oral history, the pictorial history, or the recorded historical materials. — Davis C. Woolley in "Guide for Writing the History of a Church," Broadman Press.

## The Law And The Christian

By Bill Duncan

Rom. 7:1-25

Here is a good place for the Christian to show his colors: Here is the right place for the Christian to put on his demonstrating boots and begin to raise his sign that he wants peace! For truly there is a war going on within the believer. The new life that has brought Christ to live within him must be housed in the old flesh. This creates conflict. But I do not see many people who want peace and are working hard for peace. To the earnest soul like Paul this was a war within.

Our old way of life has been nailed to the cross. Through our union with our Lord in His death, we, in the purpose of God, have died to sin even as He did. This is our position, objectively. But by faith we must make it subjectively real.

F. B. Meyer tells of a dialogue between Dwight L. Moody and his brother before an audience. On the platform between them was an apple tree.

Mr. Moody to his brother: What have we here?

"An apple tree."

"Was it always an apple tree?"

"Oh, no, it was a forest sapling, but we have inserted an applegraft."

What does that make you think of? You and I were forest saplings, with no hope of bearing fruit, but Jesus' nature has been grafted into us by the Holy Spirit.

"Does the fruit - sapling give you trouble?"

"Why yes, it is always sending out shoots under the graft, and they drain off the sap."

"What do you do with them?"

"We pinch them off with finger and thumb, but they are always coming out lower down the tree."

"It is a parable of our experience. The old self is always sending out its shoots, but we must be merciless to them."

### The Law

Rom. 7:1-13

The law was always thought to be good. However, it was not adequate to produce righteousness. For Paul considered it to be holy, just, good. The purpose of the law was to reveal sin and define what was sin. Paul was well - experienced in the law. He was a Pharisee and considered himself perfect - self - righteous. Now as he looked upon the experience he realized how foolish he had been before he became a Christian.

The law did have an influence to bring out some wrong desires. When a person is told he cannot do a certain thing, human nature wants to do what it should refrain from doing.

The law is helpless to save anyone. Therefore, if one knows the law, but does not turn to God for help, he will be worse in the end.

When Paul announced that he was free from the law, the truth he gave was that after we are joined to Christ even more is expected of us than before. We may be free from the law's demand, but not free from love's desire. We no longer have a set of rules, but a more wonderful way of life, that bears fruit for God. More is truly expected in the new life.

### The Struggle

When Paul referred to carnal, it seems that he was referring to the body of sin, or the nature of the flesh, that all Christians still have as long as they live in this life. The new heart, life that has come to be, must take control of the body's desires. This warfare is a real struggle. The body, flesh, will one day be put off.

This struggle is life - like. It is a personal testimony of Paul. The more one tries to live like Jesus Christ the more one is aware of the struggle.

The secret of victory is verse 25: "I think God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Who will help me overcome the lower nature? The deliverer, redeemer, the Saviour is able — Jesus Christ our Lord. In our own weakness we cannot overcome. But

when we allow Christ to do so, he will conquer for us. Romans 7 would be a sad chapter except for the note of victory at the end. While so engaged, the Holy Spirit will be able to perform His work in us, and then through us, to the honor and glory of God. To overcome in the struggle we must depend upon divine power rather than upon will-power. We need supernatural power to live a supernatural life. "We cannot run the spiritual engine on natural gas."

Thursday, February 5, 1970

BAPTIST

## Clarke Chooses Cast For "The Gift & The Glory"

A new religious drama is to be presented at Clarke College soon. The cast has been selected and work has begun on "The Gift and the Glory" by Robert Howard Clausen. The members of the cast are: Chris Spurlock, Huntsville, Alabama; Gene Landrath, Pleasant Grove, Alabama; Cindy Melton, Winona; Rhonda Porter, Heidelberg; Laura Clark, Philadelphia, stage manager. Miss Juanita West, a native of Yazoo City, and instructor of speech and drama, is directing the production.

"The Gift and the Glory" treats man's response to God's saving activity. It centers around the words of Jesus at the institution of the Lord's Supper.

According to President W. L. Compe, this dramatic production is especially appropriate for presentation in evening worship services. He anticipates that it will be presented in several Baptist churches this spring.



## Slayden Church Burns Note

ON JANUARY 18, Slayden Church burned notes totaling \$23,000. This indebtedness was incurred in 1965 when a modern, spacious educational annex was built. The sanctuary was also remodeled and later a basement area was converted into a fellowship hall. The church is not only observing its debt-free status, but also its centennial year. Left to right, above, are Bill Barry, Rev. Danny Lee Prater, pastor, and G. C. Valentine.

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When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

## Fire In Gaza

Fire at the Gaza Baptist Hospital recently destroyed some medical supplies but did not seriously damage the stone building. Among other things, almost a year's supply of cotton and gauze was burned in a basement storeroom, according to Miss Ava Nell McWhorter, Southern Baptist missionary nurse. The Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$6,000 to the hospital to cover losses. The 90-bed hospital and a Baptist church in Gaza are the only sources of evangelical witness for 350,000 Palestinian refugees.

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## Hickory Ridge To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Hickory Ridge Church, Route 3, Florence, will celebrate its 75th anniversary Sunday morning, February 8, with a special service at 10:45 honoring the remaining charter members. All former members, non-resident members, and other interested persons, are cordially invited to return for the occasion. Following the service a covered dish dinner will be served in the fellowship hall.

After functioning for a time as a mission of Steens Creek Church (later First Church, Florence), 48 members were granted letters on February 11, 1895, to form the new church, which took its name from the Hickory Ridge School where the meetings were held. Just one month later 13 other members of Steens Creek were granted letters to Hickory Ridge.

The first pastor was Charlie Welch, and the first deacons were W. C. Johnson, Silas Pierce, W. L. Pierce, and S. P. Smith.

## MC To Offer Seminar For Juniors In High School

Mississippi College will be offering for the second year a special summer seminar for high school juniors with good academic backgrounds. It was announced today.

Dr. Phil McCarty, assistant professor of Bible and religious education and seminar coordinator, said the special offering will run June 7 through July 15 and will be limited to 50 participants. Only students who have successfully completed their junior year of high school will be admitted.

The 37-day seminar will allow the participant to take a regular college academic load for summer term; live in an air-conditioned residence hall; meet the faculty, administration, and other students at the college; and "learn the ropes" of college life before actually graduating from high school.

Participants will have the choice of

## When Life Looks Dim

Scripture: Psalms 42:1-11

By Allen F. Harrod, Pastor, Trinity, Vicksburg

Depression is a very common experience for a very great number of

people. It seems to fall apart to the extent that it appears impossible to put it back together again. In Anne Rowes' book, *Say Yes to Life*, she tells of a mother who went into a 5-and-10 to purchase a toy for her child. A clerk was showing her some new items. One particularly struck her fancy, but to her surprise she could not work it. Complaining to the clerk, she received this reply, "Oh, Madam, that's all right — you see that's one of those modern toys. No matter how you work it, it won't turn out right." Life often seems that way.

As you move in on this Psalm, you see that kind of mood in the psalmist. He is overwhelmed by his circumstances. Nothing seems to be going right and the light of hope is burning very dimly in his mind. Oh, he's been to church, and that's why he is so troubled. The harder he tries to do right the worse it gets. God seems not to be answering his prayers and his peers stand around taunting him by asking, "Where is your God?", implying — "He doesn't seem to be with you, does he?"

You may be advanced beyond the psalmist in your spirit of depression. He was still going to the place of worship. Are you? Or has it become futile? Does it appear easier to surrender to yourself?

I've got a feeling that you have felt that way at times and perhaps you feel that way right now. You can understand this psalmist because you too have looked up and God seemed not to be there. It is not bad enough that life seems to be ripping at the seams, but God does not appear to be around to do anything about it. So we begin to ask, too, "Where is God?"

Satan not only excels in accusing man before God, as we discover in the book of Job, but he also abounds in accusing God before men. Like Job, all of God's people are put on the witness stand by the Adversary. Then he comes in these difficult times in the voice of our minds, our peers, our enemies, asking, "Where is your God now that you need him?"

Honestly, is that the question, "Where is thy God?" or should it be "Where are we?" I wonder by now, if we are asking the question of the psalmist who began with, "If God seems far away — it may be because we have been far away from Him. Listen to this invitation of God to us.

"Behold, I stand at the door,  
And knock: if any man hear my  
Voice, and open the door,  
I will come in to him, and  
will sup with him, and he with  
me." (Rev. 3:20)

taking for college credit a three-semester hour course in history, English, math, or language, along with a special non-credit course involving both Bible and philosophy in the Division of Religion.

If the participant enters Mississippi College as a full-time student following graduation from high school, the three-semester hours of academic credit will be entered on the official transcript if he successfully completes the seminar.

Participants will be assigned to a regular college class and will be graded on the same basis as the collegians.

In addition to classroom sessions, there are planned discussion groups,

field trips, and various social activities on the agenda. All College facilities, including the 115,000 plus volume Leland Speed Library, will be available to those enrolled in the seminar.

There will be no tuition charged. The only cost will be \$115 for room and board during the five-week period. Each participant has the option of remaining, at his own expense, for the second summer term and taking additional courses for credit if he desires.

Deadline for applying for the seminar is May 15, but since the participants will be limited to 50, early application is suggested.

Application blanks and additional information may be secured from Dr. McCarty at the college.

All of life takes place moment by moment. Nothing is real but the present moment. Here the former director of public relations for "The Upper Room" has written meditations on the varied types of moments that make up a life — moments of mystery, challenge, disenchantment, uncertainty, glory.

**FOR MISSIONARIES ONLY** by Joseph L. Cannon (Baker, 96 pp., \$2.95). Here is "a carousel of impressions, opinions, and views of a veteran foreign missionary." Mr. Cannon (not a Southern Baptist) is a missionary to Okinawa at present. His vignettes of missionary life, about the comings and goings, successes and failures, will be of particular interest to missionaries and to those who help support foreign missionaries.

**TO TOUCH THE SKY** by June Parker Goldman (Abingdon, 143 pp., \$2.95).

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**GOD'S LITTLE ANIMALS** by JoAnn Summers (Gospel Publishing House, 32 large pages, paper, \$1.25).

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**ALL THE TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS OF THE BIBLE** by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 327 pp., \$4.95).

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**YOU CAN TEACH CREATIVELY** by Elizabeth Allstrom (Abingdon, 166 pp., \$3.50).

## Fortune Features Baptist Memorial

The January, 1970, issue of *Fortune* magazine features Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis. Accompanying an article entitled, "Hospital's New Management Even More Than Money," is a full-page color photograph of the Memphis hospital, as well as a picture of the hospital administrator, Frank Groner.

The article discusses some of the country's largest hospitals, their money and management problems. Concerning Baptist Memorial Hospital, the writer, John M. Mecklin, says it is an "exceptionally well-run voluntary hospital... administered by one of the best hospital managers in the country."

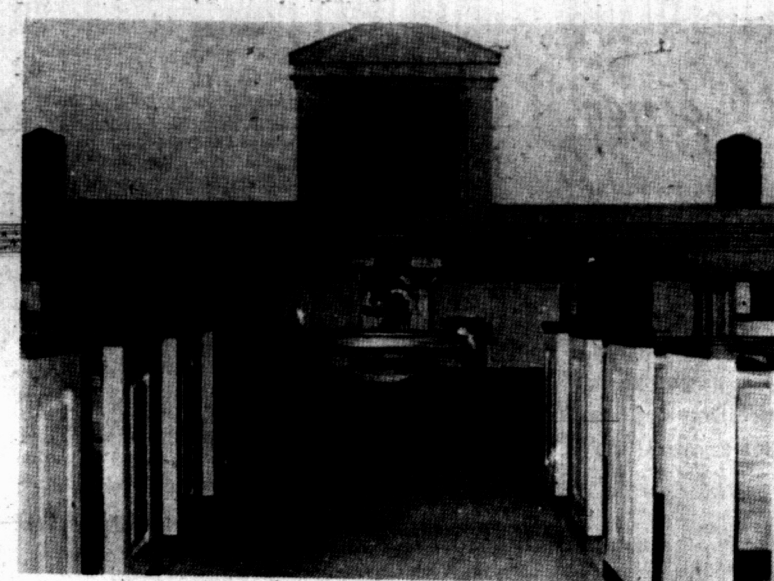
"Frank Groner has built Baptist into the biggest non-government hospital in the U.S. in number of admissions," he continues. "One of the nation's largest in terms of beds (1,500), it is also the biggest year-round employer in Memphis, with 3,000 persons on its payroll. Groner has built up for the hospital a subsidiary conglomerate including a ninety-room hotel (with half its rooms occupied by outpatients), parking lots for 1,200 cars, a drugstore, and three office buildings (mostly for associated doctors). Such outside operations contribute about \$1,250,000 a year to the hospital's income, and help Groner keep hospital charges per patient down to \$60 a day — or about 10 percent below the average of other large hospitals."

## PILGRIM'S REST DEACON DIES

The pastor Rev. V. R. Crider, and deacons of Pilgrim's Rest Church, Copiah County, have adopted a resolution paying tribute to the life of Troy Donahoe.

Mr. Donahoe died December 3, 1969, at the age of 58. He had served his Lord and the Pilgrim's Rest Church faithfully for many years as chairman of deacons, Sunday school superintendent, teacher of the Adult Men's Bible Class, and as teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class.

The resolution stated, "His warm, cheerful personality and his love for his church were an inspiration to all who knew him. We express our thanks to God for sharing with us the life of such a good man as Brother Troy Donahoe."



## Liberty Installs Carpet As Memorial

MEMORIALS PROVIDE CARPET — Gifts to Liberty Church, Rt. 1, Noxapater, in memory of Mrs. Vardaman Webb have been used to provide carpeting for the pulpit and center aisle of the church, greatly improving the appearance of the sanctuary, as shown here.

## Virginia Cobb Dies

Miss Virginia Cobb, missionary to Lebanon, died Jan. 25 in Bulloch County Hospital, Statesboro, Ga. She had been hospitalized for several days. Graveside services are to be held at 3 p. m. on Jan. 27 in Eastside Cemetery, Statesboro.

Miss Cobb returned to the United States from Beirut, Lebanon, last August for regular furlough. She had been director of publications for the Arab Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza) since 1955. She also taught religious education in the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut.

Appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1952, Miss Cobb studied Arabic in Beirut and substituted as principal of a Baptist girls' school in Ajloun, Jordan, before entering publication work in Beirut.

She was graduated with the bachelor of arts degree from Duke University, Durham, N. C., where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She also received the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and the master of arts degree in Islamic from the Hartford (Conn.) Seminary Foundation.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis G. Cobb, and brother, Wallis G. Cobb, Jr., of Statesboro.

Many friends and relatives of the late Mrs. J. Vardaman Webb (pictured, who died October 17, 1969, gave gifts to Liberty Baptist Church, Route 1, Noxapater, in her memory. These memorial gifts have been used to beautify the church.



Mr. Webb expressed his appreciation for this show of love and esteem for "Miss Kitty" (as Mrs. Webb was known to many).

The money was used to buy beautiful carpets for the pulpit and the center aisle of the church. The carpets have been installed.

Rev. J. W. Nolan is pastor. Even a fine relationship, with everything going for it, will wither and die if it is neglected long enough, and conversely, a mediocre one will become deepened and enriched with sufficient "tender, loving care." — Kay K. Arvin in "One Plus One Equals One," Broadman Press.

In this day and time we have placed a high premium on longevity of life. We have almost come to think that the highest achievement is to be able to lengthen out life's span to the century mark. — C. E. Colton in "Questions Christians Ask," Broad-

## NEWEST BOOKS

### MAN IN TRIUMPH

by Harold W. Darling (Zondervan, 158 pp., \$3.95). Dr. Darling is chairman of the Social Science Division and Professor of Psychology at Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Michigan. In this book, he represents the scholar who seeks a Christian perspective in the field of psychology. Psychology students, ministerial counselors, and interested laymen will find it a good resource.

### PSYCHOLOGY IN THE PSALMS

by Morris A. Inch (Word, 292 pp., \$4.95). The subtitle is "A Portrait of Man in God's Word." The author uses 12 Psalms which he says cause modern man to confront himself. He finds that "the insights of the Hebrew poets are as up to date as the latest moonshot." The author's scholarship is revealed in his quest for the depth of meaning of what was written, and his spiritual discernment is revealed in the application which he is able to bring to these ancient messages as they apply to modern life. We think the preacher using this will find himself primed to preach some fresh new sermons and the lay reader will find his own soul searched.

### ALWAYS A WINNER

by Don Shinnick as told to James C. Hefley (Zondervan, 217 pp., \$3.95). The story of a Christian professional league football player, the twelve year linebacker for the Baltimore Colts. This is a fascinating story of a Christian athlete who gives God the glory for the blessings of his life. The book reveals how that a professional athlete can be committed to God through Jesus Christ. This story covers much of his life from his youth to the present hour. It includes numerous illustrations.

### SURGERY OF THE SOUL

by William Standish Reed, M. C. (Revel, 166 pp., \$3.95). An outstanding Christian surgeon shares his experiences, thoughts and concerns about the healing of the whole man. He uses many illustrations from his medical ministry to patients to reveal the need for faith, prayer, and the love of God in the matter of physical spiritual healing. This book will give an insight into the heart of a Christian physician.

### LECTURES ON PREACHING

by Phillips Brooks (Baker, 381 pp., paper, \$2.95). One of Baker's paper reprint series "available books on preaching." This book is taken from an edition pub-

lished in 1907. Phillips Brooks was a great preacher of 18th century, and these lectures were delivered at the Yale Divinity School during the height of his ministry. The lectures deal with the preacher, his work, his preaching, his congregation and other related themes.

### GUIDING TEENAGERS TO MATURITY

by J. H. Waterink (Zondervan, 144 pp., \$3.50). Practical psychological insights for parents and teenagers, originally written in Dutch and translated into English by Betty Vredevoogd. There are chapters on mother-father relationships, a philosophy for mothers and fathers, and the older child. The 24 chapters deal with practically every problem that arises or can arise in the average home. The author shows an unusual insight in his understanding of youth and their problems.

### DEVOTIONALS FOR TODAY'S WOMEN

by Evelyn McCullough Anderson (Baker, 80 pp., \$2.95). Attractively printed and enclosed in a beautiful gift box with a see-through cover. This is one of a series of distinctive "ultra" books issued by this company in the last few months. They will make lovely gifts. These 36 devotionals are each two pages in length, beginning with a scripture, a page of commentary on some subject concerning a woman and her Christian life, and closing prayer. This will not only make a beautiful gift but an inspiring one as well.

### WALKING WITH THE WIND

by Sallie Chesham (Word Books, 132 pp., \$3.95). The author is a Salvation Army Lt. Colonel, wife, mother of two children, author of a Salvation Army history, and the starting genius behind the Old Hat Coffee House in Chicago. This is a book of poems, sensitive, well-written "musings, shouts, whispers, whimpers, songs — bits of conversation with the soul, with people, with God." The title comes from the poem: "I am so weary of walking against the wind. Someday I shall run away with it. . . . Some will say, 'What a pity, she is dead.' Then you will sharply remember, from long gone whispers of dreams shared; And you will tell yourself, 'No, she is free. She has gone walking with the wind.'"

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This new book contains many practical suggestions and true-to-life illustrations of ways children can be helped to understand death and dying.

### TYNDALE BIBLE COMMENTARIES — THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN

by Leon Morris (Eerdmans, 263 pp., \$4.50).

This is Volume 20 of the Tyndale Bible Commentaries, a set which is called a concise, workable tool for laymen, teachers and ministers. The author explains the various views, including the "preterist," the "historicist," the "futurist," and the "idealist," and says, "It seems that elements from more than one of these views are required for a satisfactory understanding of Revelation." He says that the symbolism of the book "belongs to the first century not to our own age." The author does not align himself with any of the usual schools of interpretation, although he evidences an awareness of the positions. Rather he tries to interpret the various symbolic pictures in the book and apply them to the needs of the Christians of the first century. While this book evidences splendid scholarship, we do not think that it will solve many of the problems of interpretation of this book which many readers are seeking.

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

by Clem F. Bininger (Baker, 166 pp., \$2.95).

The pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, preaches on the seven statements of Jesus from the cross. The author uses unusual subjects and makes unique application to make these words live for the modern Christian.

## Off The Record

### LOOK OUT BELOW!

The deep sea diver had scarcely reached the bottom when a message came from the surface that left him in a dilemma.

"Come up quick," he was told, "the ship is sinking."

### INEVITABLE

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

### A REAL NEED

A minister habitually told his congregation that if any needed a pastoral visit to drop a note in the offering plate. One evening after services he discovered a note that said: I am one of your loneliest members and heaviest contributors. May I have a visit tomorrow evening? It was signed by his wife.

Anne had been reciting Mother Goose for her aunt and mother. Later, she turned to her mother and asked with a baffled air, "Why did Mary's lamb have white fleas?" — Quote.

A whimsical prof was retiring after teaching mathematics for 40 years. He told a friend that he was building a lodge in the mountains where he expected to spend his declining years. "Have you named it yet?" his friend asked.

"Oh, yes," said the prof. "I'm calling it 'After Math'." — Quote.

The lady of the house summoned a TV serviceman to fix the set. Spreading out his tools, the repairman inquired: "What seems to be the trouble?"

Replied the little woman: "Well, for one thing, all the programs are lousy." — Quote.

"As soon as my wife and I start to quarrel she becomes hysterical."

"You mean hysterical?"

"No; hysterical—she rakes up the past!"

Boy (about to be spanked): Did grandpa spank you when you were little?

Father: Yes, he did!

And did grandpa's father spank him?

Yes!

And did great-grandpa's father spank him?

"Yes, I presume he did," said father, softening a little.

"Well," said the boy, firmly, "don't you think it's about time to stop this inherited brutality?"



## In Memory Of Laurel's Mrs. W. D. Yarbrough

Mrs. W. D. Yarbrough, member of Eastview Church, Laurel, died Nov. 8, 1969. For many years she had served faithfully as WMU worker, and Bible school worker, and had furnished refreshments many times. She worked as recording secretary for many years, refusing to accept pay.

Mrs. Yarbrough had received credit for 99 church study course books. She had earned diplomas and seals for the Christian Training Diploma, Approved Workman Diploma, Master Workman Diploma, Distinguished Workman Diploma, and only lacked less than one book completing the work for the Special Citation Diploma. "She was always ready to do anything that would further God's work," states a fellow church member.

Mrs. Yarbrough (Nellie J.) was born March 26, 1901 in Philadelphia, Miss., Neshoba County, the daughter of John A. and Lucy Myers. She attended school in Philadelphia, and was an outstanding student. Beginning work at the early age of 16, she moved to Laurel.

On Jan. 5, 1926, she married the late William Dempsey Yarbrough of Laurel. They lived for over 40 years in and around Laurel. Her husband, who worked with GM&O Railroad until retirement, was a deacon at Eastview Church. For six years they moved to Tampa, Fla., returned to Laurel, and to Eastview.

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